WEATHER FORECASTS

Victoria and Vicinity—Strong winds or gales, mostly southerly and westerly, unsettled and local rain.

Lower Mainland—Fresh to strong winds on the Gulf, unsettled and mild with rain.

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AERIAL COMBATS ARE NUMEROUS

British Official Report Speaks of Forty-Four Along Lines in France and Belgium—Two Germans Brought Down.

HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE FROM BOTH SIDES

French Guns Work Much Damage in Enemy's Positions at Several Points—Air Raid on Muelhausen.

LONDON, Dec. 20—Forty-four aerial combats occurred yesterday in the vicinity of the English and German lines in France and Belgium, an official statement issued tonight says. Two German machines were brought down within the enemy's lines and others were driven down in a damaged condition. One British air machine is missing. The statement follows:

"Opposite the southern and centre positions of the line we bombarded several parts of the enemy's trenches. Hostile artillery heavily shelled Ypres and St. Jean this afternoon. It was also active against our front line and the support trenches southeast of Ypres during the day.

"We replied by shelling the enemy's front line trenches along Zonnebeke, Zandvoorde, Gheluvelt and Teubrell.

"Early today the enemy made a bombing attack near the quarries northwest of Hulluch. The attack was repulsed.

"Yesterday there was considerable activity by the enemy's aeroplanes. They attempted to prevent our reconnaissance machines from carrying out their work, but the attempts were unsuccessful. During the day there were forty-four combats in the air, two enemy aeroplanes being felled within the enemy line and others driven down in a damaged condition. One of our machines is missing."

French Fire Effective

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Bombardment by heavy artillery along almost the whole of the western front, causing destruction of many German establishments—including three powerful explosions in the German trenches near Ville-au-Bois, in Artois—was reported in tonight's official statement from the War Office.

Continued organization of the Allied lines of defense at Salonica was also noted, and the successful withdrawal of the troops landed at Cape Suvla was recorded in the communication, which follows:

"In Artois rather violent artillery actions occurred in the region of Loos. They were less intense in the direction of Bully, at the Givenchy farm and along the road from Lille. Between Soissons and Rheims our shells destroyed a foot bridge at Vailly. The fire of our artillery and of our trench cannon directed on the German trenches at the Ville-au-Bois, caused three powerful explosions.

"In Champagne we bombarded and dispersed an enemy troop column, which was changing positions north of Auberive.

"To the north of Graceuil our heavy artillery damaged a railroad where great activity was reported and stopped the movement.

"In the Argonne there was an effective bombardment of the German trenches at La Fille Morte, in the Courtes Chausse, we exploded a munition depot.

"The fire of our artillery on the enemy works in the Bois de la Moville, to the northeast of St. Mihiel, was very effective, the trenches caving in at several places. A blockhouse containing machine guns was destroyed.

Raid on Muelhausen

"In the morning four of our bombarding aeroplanes, escorted by seven machines with rapid-fire guns, dropped on the freight station at Muelhausen six shells of 155 calibre and two shells of 90 calibre. They reached their objective.

"The Belgian communication reads: 'Last night and today were marked by violent artillery actions. Our batteries effectively bombarded the post at Dentoren and the enemy cantonment at Eesen. The enemy replied by shelling various villages in the rear of our lines.'

"Army of the East—The Allied troops continue the organization of the lines of defence at Salonica.

"Expeditionary corps of the Dardanelles—On December 19 our artillery took part in an attack carried out with success by the British troops against the Turkish trenches at the extreme west point of the Gallipoli Peninsula.

"In conformity to a plan agreed to by the Allied staff, the British commander has decided to assign to another theatre of operations the troops which had landed at Cape Suvla, and which occupied on the northern part of the Gallipoli Peninsula a position, the strategic value of which was found to have diminished by reason of the new developments in the Eastern operations. The embarkation of the troops with their equipment was effected under the best conditions without being interfered with by the Turks.

Not One Gun Lost

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Daily News parliamentary correspondent says that the official statement that there were only a few casualties in the withdrawal of the British troops from the Gallipoli Peninsula is literally true, and that not even one machine gun was lost.

Now Called Modlin

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—On the authority of Emperor William, the name of the Polish fortress town of Novo Georgievsk, which was captured by the Germans last August, has been changed to its historic Polish name, Modlin.

TURKS LOSE HEAVILY

General Townshend's Report on Operations at Kut-el-Amara—Turks Surprised in Trenches

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The following British official statement on the Mesopotamia operations was issued today:

"General Townshend reports that in his estimation the Turks must have lost not less than 2,300 men in the rearguard action on December 1, and in their attack on his position at Kut-el-Amara during the night of December 12-13.

"During the night of Dec. 17-18, mixed parties of British and Indian troops surprised the Turks in their advanced trenches, killing about thirty and taking eleven prisoners.

"The 18th and the 19th passed quietly."

GEN. RUSZKY RELIEVED

Brilliant Commander of Northern Russian Armies Obliged by Ill Health to Retire

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A Petrograd news agency dispatch says that an imperial ukase relieves General Ruszky from command of the Russian armies on the northern front, but continues him as a member of the council of the Empire and of the supreme military council.

A message from Petrograd to Reuter's Telegram Company says:

"The reason for General Ruszky's removal is contained in an imperial rescript, in which the Emperor commended the great work done by the retiring general and said the difficult task of defending the capital had seriously injured General Ruszky's health, which demanded a rest. He thanked the general for the brilliant results obtained, and said he hoped soon to see him at the head of his troops."

HOPE TO SECURE NEEDED $30,000

Today's Tag Day Collections Expected to Bring Total of the Patriotic Aid Fund to $200,000.

On the issue of today's Tag Day collection in behalf of the Patriotic Aid Fund depends the successful result of the campaign which has been under way for the past month with the object of securing contributions to the total of $200,000. All arrangements were completed last night for today's grand finale. Every confidence is felt that the $30,000 still needed will be forthcoming.

Despite the careful work of the score or more of collection committees who have been working assiduously to bring into line every individual in the city there are a considerable number who have not yet put down their names for a contribution. It is hoped to reach them today. In addition, many who have subscribed will find it possible to spare a little more today, appreciating the absolute necessity of liberal and united action. The cause must appeal to everyone and stoney-hearted must he be who can refuse the appeal which scores of Victoria's youth and beauty will make to the passer by today.

The Daughers of the Empire have rallied to the assistance of the campaign committee in a manner which is beyond all praise. The arrangements for the day's collection have been worked out by them and they have enlisted the assistance of scores of willing workers. The military units have been impressed and in the grand parade this afternoon shortly after 2 o'clock and the subsequent inspection by Col. Ogilvie, D.O.C., the interest of the occasion will be materially increased. The military aspect of the event will be further accentuated by the tents erected at various prominent street corners. A party of men from Work Point Barracks, under the command of Captain Roaf, yesterday placed the tents in position and today sentries will be on guard furnished by the 5th Regiment. In the tents subscription forms and blank cheques will be available, and anyone with a bank account and a willing disposition will have ample opportunity to do his or her bit.

During the afternoon and evening the various regimental bands will render selections at many points in the downtown section. An interesting item on the programme of attractions during the day will be a demonstration of first aid work by B Section of the First Field Ambulance, from Work Point Barracks, under command of Captain Biggar, who will lecture upon the subject. The lecture and demonstration will take place half hourly from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the new Arcade Building, corner of Broad and View Streets, kindly placed at the disposal of the committee by Messrs. David Spencer, Limited.

SKIRMISH IN CAUCASUS

Russian and Turkish Detachments in Contact—Enemy Quiet After Repulse in Persia

PETROGRAD, Dec. 20.—The following official communication was issued today:

"In the Baltic, Friday, we sank the cruiser Bremen and a big torpedo boat.

"In the Caucasus, Saturday, our scouts under Ensign Kolessbikoff, in the region of Schihan, northwest of Olti, approached within fifty paces of a Turkish outpost and attacked it with the bayonet, killing part of the garrison and scattering the remainder. Turkish reinforcements arrived and sought to overwhelm the Russian detachment, which was compelled to retire. Ensign Kolessbikoff was captured.

"Then another detachment of Russian scouts under command of Sgt.-Major Gorelko, charged the Turks and bayonetted some of them and recaptured Ensign Kolessbikoff. Both Russian detaghments then retired to their own positions.

"The strong detachments repulsed yesterday between Teheran and Hamadan have not resumed the offensive."

MINISTER ASKS LABOR TO HELP

Mr. Lloyd George's Appeal to Unions to Modify Rules So That Supply of Munitions May Be Largely Increased.

SPEAKS OF WORK NOW ACCOMPLISHED

Production of Guns and Shells Has Been Greatly Accelerated in Past Few Months—More Are Yet Needed.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Mr. Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, gave an account of his stewardship in the House of Commons tonight. Beginning with the story of the insufficiency of munitions in the early days of the war, and the history of the establishment of his department to remedy this condition, he gradually warmed up to his subject and reached the climax with the declaration that the success of the Allies in the war depended on the attitude of organized labor—whether it will allow the Government to recruit a sufficient number of skilled men for the factories which the Munitions Department has brought into being.

"We want 80,000 skilled men and from two to three hundred thousand unskilled men for these new factories," he said. "We must reduce the proportion of our orders which go abroad and develop our home resources. Upon the supply of labor depends whether we can supply our troops with the right sort of guns and enable them to make next year's campaign a success.

Labor Must Help

"Here only organized labor can help us. We have done our best to get skilled labor by the system of munitions volunteers. It is no use of my going into the question of why we got only five or six thousand men, although that story may have to be told later.

"The whole question depends on organized labor. Unless it allows us to put unskilled workers on the work which hitherto has been the monopoly of skilled labor, we cannot perform this task.

"There can be only one appeal, namely, to patriotism. Victory depends on this. Hundreds of thousands of precious lives depend on labor's answer.

"It is a question whether we are going to bring the war to an end in a year or linger along in the blood-stained paths. Labor has the answer."

Earlier in his speech Mr. Lloyd George admitted that there was a bad shortage in the British munitions supply in the first year of the war, but declared that the present situation was quite different. Last May the British were turning out only 2,500 high explosive shells daily against the German's 250,000.

"Here is the situation now," he said. "The quantity of shells fired in the recent September operations was enormous. The battle lasted days, even weeks, yet there was no shortage of shells. This was the result of the four month's careful husbanding. Yet we replaced the whole amount in a month, and hope soon to be in a position to replace a like quantity in a week."

Many Guns and Shells

Without giving definite figures, the Minister forecasted the output of many guns of the largest size, and later declared that the output of machine guns had increased fivefold since June, and the output of hand grenades fortyfold, while more trench mortars were produced every fortnight than in the entire first year of the war. Continuing, he said:

"There has been other developments of our work which I dare not mention. There has been experimental work of a kind better not discussed. As to explosives we shall be able to continue to supply ourselves and our Allies.

"As to economy, I may cite as an example of new contracts for gun ammunition, which is the principal item of expenditure, the cost of 18-pounder shells has been reduced 40 per cent, and of 4.5-inch howitzer shells 30 per cent.

"It is too early to talk of the danger of over-production. In the last great battle, although there was a tremendous accumulation of ammunition, the generals stated that with thrice the quantity of ammunition they would have accomplished twenty times the result. Two hundred million pounds, or the cost of only forty days of war, would produce an enormous quantity of ammunitions. If you had that many at the present moment the war might be won in forty days, whereas without it the war might be prolonged 400 days. With regard to munitions, what is spared in money is spilled in blood. If there are risks to be taken, let them be risks to the pockets of the taxpayers and not to the lives of men."

Labor Member's Reply

James Henry Thomas, Labor member for Derby, and assistant general secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, speaking for the Labor party after Mr. Lloyd George had finished, said that organized labor would be found willing to follow wherever the Minister of Munitions led, if their rights were properly guarded.

"Every appeal that has been made to the workingmen," he said, "has been met. The workingmen are not unmindful of their responsibilities. What the Minister ought to do is to pass a bill guaranteeing to the trade unions the re-establishment of the status quo at the termination of the war."

King Peter to Go to Rome

ROME, Dec. 20.—Persistent rumors are in circulation that King Peter of Servia is to take up his temporary residence in Rome, and that the Servian Government and parliament is about to be transferred to this city. There is no official confirmation of this, however.

MISERY IN BERLIN

Wretched Conditions Prevail in Poorer Quarters of City—Authorities in Fear of Revolt

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Telegraphing from Amsterdam, the correspondent of Reuter's Telegraph Company says:

"Life in the poorer quarters of the German capital is described as pitiful by the German-born wife of an English laborer residing in Berlin, who, after sixteen months' internment, has arrived at Flushing, Holland, on her way to England, according to the correspondent of The Amsterdam Telegraaf."

The German authorities, The Telegraaf correspondent quotes the woman as saying, are in great fear of a revolt, owing to the extreme discontent of the people. Several riots occurred in which shops were plundered. Mounted police charged the crowds, which were composed mainly of women. Misery among the working class is considerable, and is increasing daily.

"The woman's story is somewhat confirmed," says the Reuter dispatch, "by a letter from the Berlin correspondent of The Handelsblad, who declares that shops literally were stormed by large crowds who were after their daily allowance of butter, which was only about a quarter of a pound per family. Provision shops were guarded by the police to prevent disturbances."

German Nobility Suffers

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Rotterdam correspondent of The Daily Mail says: "The Almanach de Gotha for 1916 has just been published, showing that in the first ten months of 1915, 186 German counts, 456 German barons, 592 members of the old nobility, and 552 members of the newer German nobility were killed. Among those killed were sixteen members of the von Wedel family, and eleven members of the von Buelow family."

PIONEER HEARS LAST SUMMONS

Mr. Thomas J. Burnes, Resident Since 1858, Passes Away in Eighty-Third Year —Was Widely Esteemed.

Another member of the fast-fading group of citizens who came to this city to live in 1858, when Victoria ceased to exist as merely a Hudson's Bay outpost and Indian settlement and began to assume the appearance of a prosperous Western village, passed away yesterday, when Mr. Thomas J. Burnes died at the age of nearly eighty-three years.

Probably there is no pioneer of this city who could claim to have been better known and more universally esteemed than the late Mr. Burnes. Until the very last, he was active, energetic, and full of that joviality and good nature which helped to make him popular with all classes of Victoria people. He was a familiar character on the streets, and there was hardly a person who did not know him either intimately, or by name. His cheery disposition and the other sterling qualities which went to make up his character endeared the old gentleman to everybody.

He was a native of Dublin, Ireland, being born there on December 21, 1832. Although within a day of celebrating his 83rd birthday, he died literally in office, as only two days before the end, his indisposition, which he thought to be only temporary, enforced his absence from the Customs Office.

He left his native island in 1847, and arrived at New York, where he resided for five years. During his residence there he worked in the offices of Mr. James Gordon Bennett, the well-known newspaper owner. While in New York, Mr. Burnes also served as fireman on one of the brigades. At that time, the fire-fighting apparatus was of a simple and ineffective nature as compared with the engines used at the present time. Mr. Burnes never tired of relating the many humorous and exciting experiences which he underwent in following the fire calls in the American Metropolis.

Never Regretted Decision

In 1854, he was attracted to the West. During those days, California was swarming with prospectors and miners, and was in the full bloom of one of its most prosperous eras. He found employment in a San Francisco post office, where he remained until the stampede to the new goldfields in the Cariboo country began. He was one of the first to heed the call of the North, and took boat for British Columbia, in company with many other Californians, anxious to investigate the rumors that had been spread about the new El Dorado. When he got as far as Victoria, he was content to bid farewell to his more adventurous companions and settle down. He never regretted the step he took.

In 1862, after having found satisfactory employment, he went East for his fiancee, and on May 15, of the same year, he became the husband of Miss Katherine McCloy, of New York City. The wedding took place in St. Andrew's Cathedral, the rites being performed by Rev. Father Ceiso. Upon coming to the Pacific Coast for the first time, in 1854, Mr. Burnes chose the route over Nicaragua, but on the return, after marriage, the young couple came by way of the Isthmus of Panama. They transferred at San Francisco to the steamer Sierra Nevada, which carried them to their goal.

Mr. Burnes chose to enter the hotel business, and was successful. He established the American, on Yates Street, a little below the corner of Langley Street, which was then considered to be practically the heart of the city. The hotel was a three-story, wooden structure, and so great was its popularity that it eventually became one of the landmarks of the city, and Mr. Burnes, as its proprietor, gained repute all along the coast. His business became gradually larger, and he was forced to expand. He built the first brick building in Victoria, at the corner of Chatham and Store Streets, called The Cosmopolitan Building, and in 1867 he erected a big four-story building in Bastion Square. At the time of its construction, it was one of the finest structures in the city, and although it has since passed to other ownership, the building still bears his name.

Was Assistant Fire Chief

In 1865, he was elected assistant fire chief of Victoria, and among contemporary member of the brigade were Messrs. W. H. Huxtable, Wrigleswortth, William Wilson, and other well-known pioneers of the city who have helped to make its history. He was a member of the fire brigade as early as 1863, when the first steam fire engine arrived and put in use. So novel was the apparatus that the members of the force longed for a fire to break out in order that the new engine might be tested.

The many unique features of the fire-fighters' equipment and duties were narrated with enthusiasm by Mr. Burnes, and his discourse was always a source of interest and amusement for his listeners. The service was supported entirely by voluntary subscriptions, but the public was generous in making appropriations for the brigade, although a great deal of expense fell to the lot of the fireman, who, among other things, had to supply himself with a good red shirt, the badge of office, which cost upwards of $16, and was used only once, if the fire was a bad one. The leather helmet was an indispensable part of the equipment and could not be bought for less than $16, and often cost as much as $125. A man had to be employed to clean and polish the engine, and the expense of his hire was borne by the members of the fire brigade.

During the early years of his residence in Victoria, Mr. Burnes found employment in the Customs office, and when he left the hotel business, some eighteen years ago, he rejoined the Customs Office, and continued in its employ until the time of his death.

He was associated with many public organizations and philanthropic societies. He was for some time president of the B. C. Benevolent Society, and until the very end he was a member of the A. O. U. W. and the Pioneer Society. He was a sexton and constant attendant of St. Andrew's Cathedral.

An ardent baseball follower, he was a familiar figure at the Royal Athletic Park during the season, and he attended practically every notable game played in this city during the past ten years. He was a student of the game and did all that he could to promote the sport in Victoria.

Three years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Burnes celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding, when they were recipients of congratulations from a host of friends.

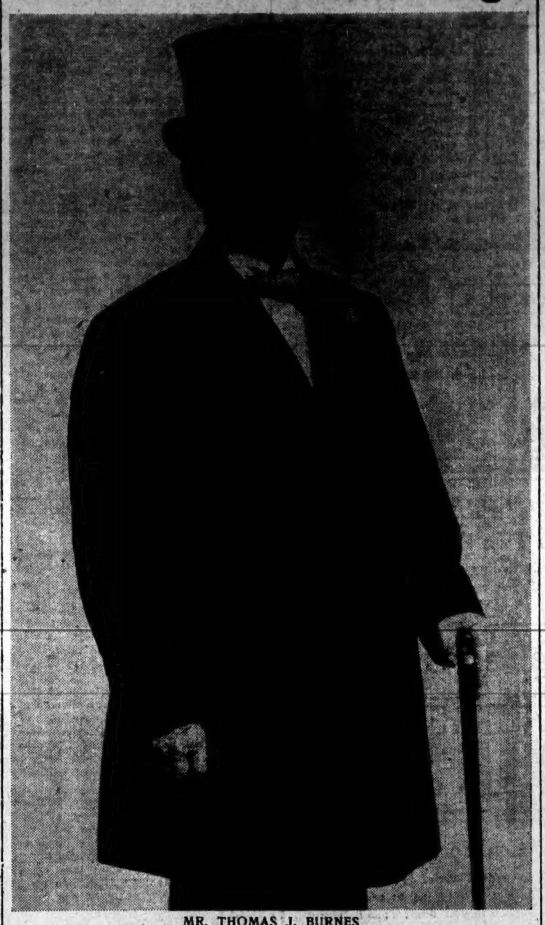
He is survived by, besides his widow, W. J., R. E., and G. A. Burnes, all residents of Victoria, and T. S., living in San Francisco. The family originally consisted of six sons and two daughters.

The funeral has been arranged to take place tomorrow morning from the H. C. Funeral Chapel, and a service will be held later at St. Andrew's Cathedral. The funeral will be strictly private, and it is requested that no flowers be sent. The remains are now reposing at the B. C. Funeral Parlors, and may be viewed there until the time of the funeral.

More Taxation for Germans

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Dr. Karl Helfferich, Secretary of the Treasury, announced in the Reichstag, today, that the next budget cannot be balanced without additional income, and that proposals for new taxation are now being drafted for submission to the Reichstag. The Secretary declared that no matter how large a war indemnity was received, the war would impose a colossal burden of taxation on the Germans, and that they must, therefore, expect greatly increased taxation after the war.

Dies at Honored Old Age



MR. THOMAS J. BURNES

PREPARING TO INVADE GREECE

Troops of Teutonic Group Likely to Cross Frontier as Soon as Ready—"Military Expediency" Is Spoken Of.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A dispatch to The Post from its Athens correspondent states that the reply of the Central Powers to the Greek inquiry regarding their advance into Greek territory declares that all will depend on the development of military operations. The reply, the correspondent says, makes no reference to the non-utilization of Bulgarian and Turkish troops.

Telegraphing from Salonica, The Daily Mail's correspondent says:

"Everything points to the belief that despite Greece's protests the Austro-German-Turks and Bulgarians will cross the Greek frontier, directly they are ready. It is reliably reported that the Turks have concentrated two divisions, with cavalry and artillery, close to the Greek frontier at Nievrokop and Kustendil.

SOFIA, Dec. 20.—The Echo de Bulgarie announced today that the Bulgarian troops have been halted on the Greek frontier for the present in order to avoid embarrassing the Greek Government, while the Allied troops are gradually massing around Salonica. It declares, however, that it may become necessary for the German and Bulgarian armies to invade Greece in pursuit. The paper says that King Constantine recognizes that the Central Powers may be forced by military expediency to attempt to expel the Allies, and has cautioned the Allies that they cannot expect that Bulgaria's respect for Greek neutrality will last forever.

The remainder of the Serbian army is said to consist of 50,000, of whom 20,000, in scattered bands, are making their way through Albania, while 30,000 have effected a junction with the Montenegrians and are still fighting.

Serbian troops in their flight are reported to have lost everything except six batteries of mountain artillery. Thousands of soldiers and civilian refugees have starved to death, and the condition of the Montenegrin civil population is said to be desperate.

Only Small Cargo Vessel

LONDON, Dec. 20.—An official communication issued here today says: "The Italian naval attache says the Italian steamer sunk on the 5th of December was not the Italian liner Dante Alighieri, but the small cargo vessel Dante, of 993 tons."

TROOPS RETIRE FROM GALLIPOLI

Those in Occupation of Anzac and Suvla Bay Sectors Safely Withdrawn—Turks Are Kept in Ignorance.

SEDDUL BAHR STILL IN ALLIES' HANDS

Use to Be Made of Forces Taken From Peninsula Is Not Disclosed—Success of Movement Is Complete.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Operations in other sectors of the front on the Gallipoli Peninsula other than those from which troops were announced today to have been withdrawn are to be continued, it is intimated in an official statement issued today. Withdrawal was effected without the knowledge of the movement on the part of the Turks, it is declared.

"Further details of the evacuation of the Anzac and Suvla zones have been received," says the official statement, "without the Turks being aware of the movement, the army has been withdrawn from one of the areas occupied by the Allies on the Gallipoli Peninsula, although in the closest contact with the enemy. By this contraction of the front the operations at other points of the line will be more effectively carried out.

"Sir Charles Monro gives great credit for this skilfully conducted transfer of the forces to the generals commanding and the Royal Navy."

Sad Chapter Ended

The withdrawal of the British troops from Suvla Bay and the Anzac zone ends more successfully than most military men believed possible, the most unfavorable chapter for the British arms in this war. Thousands of lives were sacrificed in gaining these positions and other thousands in holding them. The question has been constantly discussed why the generals commanding the Dardanelles expedition did not try to make a landing near the centre of the Peninsula in the beginning and cut off the Turks on the lower end. When the attempt was finally made to secure a foothold higher on the Peninsula the Turks were fully prepared to meet it.

Moreover, the British arrangements lacked several essential features, particularly a supply of drinking water. The story has been revealed by soldiers and correspondents returning from the Mediterranean only gradually and by detail. One eye-witness declared that after the first battalion landed the men were shot down so quickly that the watchers aboard the ships were asking, "Why don't our men advance?" and believed the troops were lying down awaiting orders. The soldiers found barbed wire entanglements stretching clear under the water when they jumped from their small boats. To add to their sufferings, the supply of drinking water was very short.

Severe Hardships

Robert Blatchford, the author, in a newspaper article yesterday asserted:

"Many of these men died of thirst. There was no ice for the wounded. There was no place ashore, except in dug-outs under the hillsides, where the men were ever safe from the enemy's shell fire, night or day. Numbers were sent to Malta and England suffering from dysentery or nervous collapse."

John Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader, said in a speech in the House of Commons that the sufferings of the Irish troops on Gallipoli were the worst known in the present war.

An official announcement was made recently that the general responsible for the Suvla Bay operations had been removed from his command, but his identity is not yet known to the British public. General Sir Charles C. Munro reported in favor of withdrawing the troops when he took command at the Dardanelles, but the popular belief, shared by the military men here, was that thousands of soldiers could not be taken aboard transports and effect complete withdrawal from their trenches without calamitous loss of life. The task must have been a difficult one, and the country is relieved that it has been achieved without disaster.

Restricting Exports

LONDON, Dec. 20.—An order in council issued tonight indicates a further tightening in the restrictions on exports. No further exports of pig iron, scrap iron, steel scrap or hematite are permitted, and rigid restrictions are laid down on the exportation of vegetable fibres and of yarns made from them.

German Taken From Steamer

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. — Wilhelm Garbe, of Brooklyn, purser of the American steamer Borinwuen, was removed from the vessel off the harbor of San Juan, Porto Rico, by officers of the French cruiser Descartes, according to Borinwuen's skipper. The ship arrived here today.

FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

(From The Colonist, December 21, 1865)

Sporting News—We learn that a match has been arranged between George Baker, the Canadian Pet, and a young Englishman named Joe Eden, formerly in the police force, for $100 a side, $50 of which has already been deposited. They will meet, within three months at San Juan Island.

Mechanics' Institute—The following is a subject for discussion this evening: Resolved, that the Homestead Law now before the House is desirable for the Colony. The affirmative will be taken by Mr. Adam Watson, and the negative by Mr. R. Wallace.

Methodist Tea Meeting—The annual tea meeting in connection with the Wesleyan Church took place last evening. Tea and refreshments were served in the basement of the church, on Flanders Street. Rev. Dr. Evans was in the chair, and within the railing sat His Worship the Mayor, Rev. Thomas Somerville, and Rev. A. Browning.

Ping Pong for the Holidays—Mr. J. Brunn, jr., has received an extra fine shipment of white American dress shirts with Byron collars and puff bosoms; plain shirts without studs. Also, fine drab and black French Cassimere hats, which he offers to the public at low prices, at Brunn's store, Government street, next to Cheik's restaurant, near Fort Street.



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CANADIANS' WORK IN PAST WEEK

Much Sniping, Patrolling and Capture of Barricade Reported—Victoria Men and Others Decorated.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—The successful attack and capture of an enemy barricade and two prisoners by a Canadian patrol and the award of a number of medals for distinguished conduct are the features of this week's communication to the Militia Department from the Canadian representative at the front, reviewing last week's operations. He says:

"During the week of December 10-17, the situation on the Canadian front has remained unchanged. The weather has turned colder, but frequent rains and wind and fog have rendered conditions very unpleasant.

Every effort has been made by the Canadian army to offset the ravages of the heavy rains. Large parties have been incessantly employed draining and clearing the dugouts, communicating, support and front line trenches, and damage is being repaired as rapidly as possible. There has been every indication that the enemy has suffered greatly from the weather. In some places his parapets have collapsed. Sounds of pumping have been heard in his front trenches. His working parties have been numerous in every section of the line, and the condition of some of his communicating trenches has forced the Germans to expose themselves to our fire with increasing frequency.

Artillery Active

"In spite of the adverse weather conditions, the enemy's artillery has been more active than in preceding weeks. His fire has been chiefly on certain sections of our front defences, but at times various roads, farms and other buildings further back in our line have been heavily shelled. The material result of his fire has been inconsiderable.

"Our artillery has retaliated on every occasion with good effect on the enemy's batteries and defensive works. The enemy has fired a considerable number of rifle and hand grendades at our trenches during this period, but retaliation in kind has proved generally effective.

"The enemy's snipers have been active, and indications of many patrols have been found at various points on our front. No encounters between patrols occurred during the week.

"The poor condition of the enemy trenches and parapets at certain places has afforded many opportunities to our snipers. At one point alone on the front of our 18th Western Ontario Battalion, where the enemy trench had partly fallen, snipers shot seven of the enemy in two days.

"On another occasion our artillery fired on a small advanced enemy work. About twenty men rushed from it toward the enemy lines. Five of them were brought down by Sgt. McGlashan of the Fifth Western Canadian Battalion.

Barricade Captured

"Our scouts and patrols have been active in securing information and causing loss and annoyance to the enemy. A minor offensive operation was successfully carried out by our fifth Western Canadian Battalion.

"A large tree between the opposing front line trenches had been felled by our artillery and had fallen across a road about 100 yards from our lines. The enemy had run saps out toward it, and readily converted it into a formidable barricade. A patrol under Lieut. John Gault, of the Strathcona's Horse, had endeavored to examine this barricade a week previously, but on reaching it had been discovered and bombed back by a strong enemy detachment. Further reconnaissances were subsequently undertaken, and the barricades were shelled by our artillery on several occasions.

"In the early morning of December 15 the enemy's lines in the vicinity were again heavily shelled, and through the co-operation of Lieut. Colonel Brutinel and the first Canadian motor machine gun squad, Captain Taylor, the Third Battery, Third Artillery, was able to register a number of hits on the barricade.

"Two attacking parties under Lieuts. Campbell and Mahaffy, then advanced toward the barricade. A third party under Lieut. Latter, moved out in support. All three parties were under the control of Captain Jackson.

"The barricade was reached and taken. Four of the garrison were found to have been killed. Two survivors were taken prisoners. The enemy opened a heavy machine gun and artillery fire, but at daybreak the parties returned safely to our trenches. Our only casualties were Lieut. Campbell and one man slightly wounded. Among the articles captured was a Ross rifle.

Honors Awarded.

"A presentation of orders and medals was made on December 12 to a number of officers and men of the First Canadian Division.

"The Distinguished Conduct Medal was awarded to Company Sergt. Major B. Denton; Company Sergt. Major J. D. Mathewson and Pte. J. Donoghue, all of the Fourth Infantry Battalion, for conspicuous gallantry.

"In connection with a successful operation carried out by our second Infantry brigade on the 16th, 17th and 18th of November, the following awards were made:

"To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order: Lieut.-Col. V. W. Odlum, 7th Battalion; Captain C. T. Costigan, 10th Battalion; Lieutenants W. D. Holmes and J. H. McIlree, of the 7th Battalion.

"Military Cross to Lieut. A. I. H. Wrightson, 7th Battalion; Distinguished Conduct Medals to Sgt. H. Ashby, Sgt. H. Meyerstein, Sgt. Robertscu and Corp. A. K. Curry, all of the 7th Battalion."

Distillery's Heavy Loss

GLASGOW, Dec. 20.—Firemen had to fight a canal full of blazing whiskey here last night, when a fire broke out in the building of the Distillery Company, Limited. Twelve thousand casks of liquor were stored in the building. The conflagration spread rapidly, and the explosion of the casks released the whiskey, which made a burning stream of the canal. The firemen pumped water from the bottom of the canal and played it on the blazing surface. The loss is estimated at $750,000.

Supporting King's Policy



M. DEMETRIOS GOUNARIS

Leader of neutralist party in Greece, whose followers have obtained large majority in elections of Sunday.

ELECTIONS IN GREECE

Results So Far Indicate Heavy Majority for Gounaris Party—Venizelos Partisans Largely Abstain

PARIS, Dec. 20.—A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Athens dealing with the Greek elections says:

"Up to the present 200 members of the Gounaris party have been elected to seats in the Greek Parliament. The other results thus far obtained show that thirty adherents of M. Theotokis, twenty of former Premier Rhallis and seven of M. Dimitracopoulos were elected. The results from sixty districts are not yet known.

"The Patris, organ of M. Venizelos, says: 'Taking into account the abstentions from voting, the results of the election prove that if the Liberal party had entered the campaign its victory would have been greater than on the 13th of June last.'

"The new Himera, which voices the opinion of the opponents of M. Venizelos, maintains on the contrary that the scarcity of voters was attributable to the mobilization, and says that if the reservists had been able to vote they would not have given a single ballot to the followers of M. Venizelos. Their obligatory abstention from voting, the newspaper adds, ueprived governmental candidates of a number of votes.

"The recommendation of Former Premier Venizelos that his followers abstain from voting was observed in Athens and the other important centres, but in the rural districts it was adhered to less closely.

"The present premier, M. Skouloudis, was not a candidate."

GROSS OUTRAGE ON RED CROSS

Bulgarians at Monastir Seize Flour Intended by American Hospital for Food of Civilian Population—Doctor Struck.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—In extenuation of of their conduct in seizing a large quantity of flour in the American Red Cross hospital at Monastir, the Bulgarian officers responsible for the outrage say that the step was taken because on their arrival in Monastir the Bulgarians were so short of bread that the men's daily rations had been reduced to half a loaf, says a Times Salonica correspondent.

The correspondent adds that Dr. Forbes, of the Red Cross, and Mrs. Walter Farwell, wife of an American newspaperman, were refused permission to leave Monastir for Greece after the attack on the hospital, and that the matter has been referred to the American Government.

Dr. Edward Stuart, of Boston, a member of the American sanitary committee, who has been working in Serbia, according to the correspondent, notified the American consul in Salonica of the attack, which occurred on December 9. The Bulgarian military authorities demanded that 24 carloads of flour which the American Red Cross was distributing to civilians should be sold to them, and when the Americans declined to acquiesce they threatened to seize the flour forcibly, which they afterwards did, first tearing down the American flag over the building. One of the Bulgarian officers struck Dr. Forbes with the flat of his sword, and the soldiers destroyed a camera with which Mrs. Farwell was taking photographs of the scene.

When Dr. Forbes had been overcome by the soldiers, seals were placed on the building and sentries were set to guard it.

Fighting at Kut-el-Amara

LONDON, Dec. 20.—According to Constantinople dispatches received by way of Amsterdam, by Reuter's Telegram Company, two British monitors have made an unsuccessful attempt to break the Turkish lines besieging Kut-el-Amara, Mesopotamia.

Sinking of Cruiser Bremen

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Daily Mail's Copenhagen correspondent says he learns that the torpedoing of the German cruiser Bremen and the German torpedo boat occurred on Friday night, close to Libau, while the Bremen was returning, with lights out, from an inspection of the entrance to the Flanish Gulf. The correspondent adds that the attack was made by awo British submarines.

EIGHT DEATHS ON LAST LIST

Two Men Reported Killed in Action and Six Dead of Wounds—List of Wounded Is Again Long.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—Tonight's casualty list gives names of two men killed in action and six who died of wounds:

1st Battalion

(Died of Wounds)

Pte. Frederick Horne, Chatham, Ont.

2nd Battalion

(Wounded)

Pte. Wm. Roszel, Balton, Ont.

(Suffering from Shock)

Cpl. F. J. Hawkins, Brockville, Ont.

(Dangerously Ill)

Pte. Myrl Hart, Mirror, Alta.

3rd Battalion

(Dangerously Wounded)

Pte. C. J. Armstrong, Ottawa.

5th Battalion

(Killed in Action)

Pte. David McGill, Scotland.

(Wounded)

Sgt.-Maj. W. W. McLellan, Scotland.

Cpl. Henry Halsted, England.

13th Battalion

(Wounded)

Pte. J. F. Campbell, Glencal Mills, N. S.

Pte. S. Ives, Sydney Mines, N.S.

14th Battalion

(Accidentally Wounded Slightly)

Pte. Jos. Bourque, Quebec.

15th Battalion

(Wounded)

Pte. John Irwin, Ireland.

16th Battalion

(Died of Wounds)

Cpl. G. H. Fancy, England.

27th Battalion

(Seriously Ill)

Pte. A. W. Simonds, Winnipeg.

28th Battalion

(Killed in Action)

Pte. W. E. Glennon, Montreal.

30th Battalion

(Seriously Ill)

Pte. N. W. Ward, Harcourt, N.B.

49th Battalion

(Died)

Pte. W. K. Evans, Beulah, Man.

Princess Patricias

(Dangerously Ill)

Pte. J. C. Shilton, Annapolis, N.S.

Royal Canadian Regiment

(Died of Wounds)

Cpl. John Usher, England.

Lord Strathcona's Horse

(Wounded)

Pte. O. S. Quigley, St. James, Man.

(Severely Wounded)

Cpl. Jack McCann, Bradford, Ont.

1st Canadian Mounted Rifles

(Slightly Wounded)

Pte. J. W. Johnson, England.

4th Canadian Mounted Rifles

(Wounded)

Pte. W. C. Elsworth, England.

(Suffering from Shell Shock)

Pte. Richard Hockley, England.

12th Canadian Mounted Rifles

(Dangerously Ill)

Pte. F. W. Knight, England.

1st Canadian Field Artillery

(Died of Wounds)

Pte. E. E. Foley, England.

Pte. J. O. Pearson, England.

Canadian Divisional Cyclist Corps

(Seriously Wounded)

Pte. R. Abbott, England.

No. 2 Canadian Field Ambulance

(Severely Wounded)

Pte. A. Millen, England.

Soldiers Took Possession

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Melbourne, says great disorder marked a Socialist peace meeting there on Sunday, at which Adela Pankhurst endeavored to deliver an address entitled, "Should Men Enlist?" After continual interruptions, soldiers finally took possession of the meeting, and converted it into a patriotic demonstration.

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ENEMY'S EFFORT UNSUCCESSFUL

Attempt to Break Through British Line by Use of Gas and Artillery Is Defeated—Work of Monitors.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Complete breakdown of a German attempt to repeat north of Ypres their surprise attack of April was reported last night in a British statement, which says:

"Early this morning the enemy discharged gas against our line to the northeast of Ypres, accompanied by a heavy bombardment. Except at a few places, where they were driven back before reaching our lines, they were prevented from leaving their trenches by our fire. Our protective measures against gas proved effective, and our line is everywhere intact.

"Except for artillery activity on both sides there has been no further development during the day. The hostile artillery was unusually active east of Ypres and also against our trenches west and south of Messines.

"The enemy blew up two mines in front of our trenches east of Armentieres early this morning. Hostile infantry attempted to occupy the craters but were driven off by our rifle fire.

"On the rest of the front there is nothing important to report. An enemy aeroplane was brought down by our fire east of Armentieres today."

Monitors Shell Westende

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—British monitors shelled the German positions at Westende, on the Belgian coast, yesterday, but were finally driven away by land batteries, says the official statement issued today by army headquarters.

The statement adds that German aviators attacked the town of Poperinghe, near Ypres, numerous hostile troops being concentrated there.

Kill One Woman

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"The day was marked by intense activity by our artillery at a number of points on the front. In Belgium our batteries, in co-operation with the British artillery very violently bombarded German trenches from which suffocating gas was directed towards the English front, to the east of Ypres. No infantry attack followed.

"Enemy aeroplanes this morning flew over the district of Poperinghe (southwest of Ypres), and dropped a dozen bombs. One woman was killed and one woman and two children were wounded.

"In Artois our artillery dispersed enemy pioneers to the north of Arras. The enemy threw a hundred shells on Arras.

"Between the Somme and the Oise our trench guns destroyed a German work in the region of Dancourt. Between Soissons and Rheims our artillery has taken to task aerial bomb throwers and groups of enemy east of Berry-au-Bac."

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FIELD MARSHAL SAYS FAREWELL

Sir John French Issues Address to Troops on Eve of Departure—Has Full Hope of Final Victory.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Field Marshal Sir John French issued the following order of the day before leaving the army on the Western front:

"In relinquishing command of the British army in France, I wish to express to the officers, the non-commissioned officers and men, with whom I have been closely associated during the last sixteen months, my heartfelt sorrow in parting with them before the campaign in which we have been so long engaged together has been brought to a victorious conclusion.

"I have, however, the firmest conviction that such a glorious ending to their splendid and heroic efforts is not far distant. The success so far attained has been due to the indomitable spirit and dogged tenacity which knows no defeat, and the heroic courage so abundantly displayed by the rank and file of the splendid army.

"The regulars and territorials of the old army and the new army have ever shown these magnificent qualities in equal degree. From my heart I thank them all.

"At this sad moment of my parting my heart goes out to those who have received lifelong injury from wounds, and I think with sorrow of that great and glorious host of my beloved comrades, who have made the greatest sacrifices of all by laying down their lives for their country.

"In saying good-bye to the British army in France I ask them once again to accept my earnest good wishes for a glorious future which I feel to be assured.

"J. D. P. FRENCH,
"Field marshal and commander-in-chief of British army in France."

Field Marshal in Paris

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Field Marshal Sir John French was received this afternoon by President Poincare. The crowds outside the palace cheered Sir John as he entered.

The manifestations of regard for the Field Marshal were repeated as he left the palace.

KILLED IN COLLISION

Three Returning Harvesters Lost Lives While Stealing Ride on Canadian Pacific Express

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—Three harvesters, Adam Holmes, of Seaforth, Ont., George Leach, and W. Leach, of Bayfield, Ont., were killed last night, when the first section of No. 2 Express struck a switch engine which was on the main track half a mile west of Fort William.

The men who were killed were apparently stealing a ride on the platform of the mail car of the eastbound train. The switch engine was on the track, in violation of the rules.

Engineer Ecken, of the switch engine, was seriously hurt. Three passengers on No. 2, the engineer, and two firemen, were slightly hurt. Traffic was delayed three hours. The damage to rolling stock was not serious.

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ONLY INCIDENT OF CONSPIRACY

U. S. Authorities Believe That Welland Canal Plot Was Part of Extensive Campaign of Destruction Planned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Information obtained by the Federal authorities today from witnesses appearing before the grand jury which is investigating the alleged plot of Paul Koenig, head of the detective bureau of the Hamburg-American line, to blow up the Welland Canal, has widely extended the scope of the inquiry. After the grand jury had adjourned for the day, Federal officials stated that the Welland Canal plot might prove to be merely an incident in a conspiracy which extends throughout the country.

Indictments against Koenig and Richard Emil Leyendecker, the New York art goods dealer, who was arrested with him, are expected to be returned on Wednesday and Thursday. United States Attorney Marshall admitted, however, that these indictments would be merely the forerunners of others to be sought from subsequent grand juries dealing with other activities of Koenig.

While the Koenig case was occupying the attention of one Federal Judge, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was appearing before another, which is concluding its inquiry into the case of Franz von Rintelen, charged with instigating strikes in munition factories.

After leaving the grand jury room Mr. Gompers declared that he knew of no instance in which any leader of organized labor had been corrupted by German agents. He intimated, however, that he had information in regard to the attempts being made to bribe union heads. Mr. Gompers will resume his testimony tomorrow, when Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, will also appear before the jury.

INVASION OF EGYPT

Heavy Task Entrusted to Field Marshal von der Goltz, Who Has Headquarters at Aleppo

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A dispatch to The Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam says:

"It is reported that Field Marshal von der Goltz, commander-in-chief of the first Turkish army, is establishing his headquarters at Aleppo, Syria, where the Turkish and German troops under his command are being equipped for an invasion of Egypt. Emperor William and the Sultan of Turkey have sent Field Marshal von der Goltz messages of goodwill, in which the hope is expressed that his career will soon be crowned with a crushing defeat to the Entente Allies.

"Field Marshal von der Goltz's force consists partially of the Constantinople army corps, which is under German officers. The soldiers are armed with Krupp rifles.

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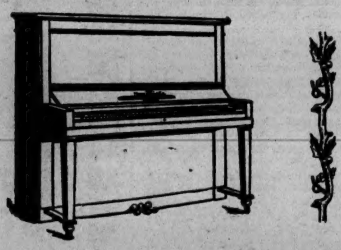
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MAY ATTACK ENGLAND

Observer Believes Teutonic Attempt May Be Made as Desperate Gamble —Some New Stroke Expected

LONDON, Dec. 20.—During the relaxation in all the offensive campaigns except the Italian pressure on the Austrians, which has followed the expulsion of the Serbian army from its own country, European interest is focused on the probabilities of some new, but as yet undeveloped, upheaval.

It appears to be taken for granted on all sides that the policy of the central powers will be to attempt to gain a decision somewhere, while their opponents will prefer to devote the Winter to preparations for warfare in the Spring.

There is much discussion in Great Britain of a reported Turkish-German attempt upon the Suez Canal. Messages received from neutral countries, professing to have German sources of information, describe the German field marshal, Von der Goltz, as equipping at Aleppo, an army for an invasion of Egypt. The same correspondents assert that the Germans are collecting extensive droves of camels and donkeys for their transport.

The Observer considers a German attempt to invade England as a desperate gamble, one of the foremost possibilities, and that the extensive movement of troops in Belgium may mean preparations for embarking at Zeebrugge and in the Scheldt River.

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THE WAR

This is the 508th day of the war.

The news that the Imperial forces had been transferred from Suvla Bay and Anzac to another sphere of operations came as a surprise. As the announcement is said to be official, it must be taken to be correct, and it must be considered as forming a part of the general plan arrived at during the Councils of War recently held in France. In the absence of any information, it is useless to suggest the disposition that has been made of this force. There are two places which naturally occur to the mind as possible destinations. One is Salonica and the other Egypt. To those who may be inclined to feel despondent over what seems to be an abandonment of the attempt to force the Dardanelles, we may point out that for upwards of a year the Germans have been attempting to force their way through to Calais, only to fail.

There has been renewed activity along the Western front. The Germans attempted an advance near Ypres, but it was a complete failure. At another point, the French carried on a vigorous and very effective bombardment of a German position. No details have been given out.

It is now understood that the Russians are about to begin a vigorous offensive against Bukowina, employing for that purpose the troops that have been assembled in Bessarabia. Such a step will have a powerful effect upon operations in the Balkan Peninsula, for it will prevent the Teutons from sending any large force of men there.

There is not very much news from the Balkan campaign, but a great deal of surmise. There do not appear to have been any conflicts between the Allies and the enemy for several days. In yesterday's early morning dispatches it was stated that an engagement had taken place between Bulgar and Greek forces. It was not an affair of much magnitude, but it will serve to complicate the position of Greece. The British force at Kut-el-Amara is holding its position, and the Russian force is advancing upon Bagdad from the north. A long distance separates the two armies, but the fact that Turkey has her eastern front to defend is a matter of no small importance. No very much attention has been given by the general public to the Caucasian campaign, but it seems likely to have very important results.

MR. BREWSTER'S COMMENT

For a gentleman contemplating the possibility of becoming Premier of British Columbia, Mr. Brewster, in his manifesto replying to Mr. Bowser's address to the electors, has exhibited a painful lack of what is due to his position as a party leader or to the people of a province whose confidence he expects to enjoy. We are not so unreasonable as to expect a person, who does not even enjoy the privilege of sitting in the Legislative Assembly, to propose to the people a definite and comprehensive programme; but the public have a right to expect that he will approach the consideration of questions pertaining to the general welfare with at least a showing of dignity in keeping with their importance. It is also not asking too much to suggest that he ought to have something more to offer than cheap attempts at wit and banal generalities.

Mr. Brewster makes his first bid for popular support by an insult to the constituencies and to every voter in British Columbia. He has the effrontery to state that the success of the McBride Ministry at the several elections since Sir Richard took office has been purchased with money taken from the public treasury. Mr. Brewster calls it "bribing the people with their own money." When the McBride Ministry was first formed and went to the people it came back with a very modest majority, but this was increased at every subsequent election until at the last one the Liberals were totally eliminated from the House, Mr. Brewster being among those who failed of election. The historian who writes the record of the past twelve years of provincial politics and notes this growing strength of the Administration will find in the great development work carried on during those years and the splendid manner in which British Columbia forged to the front in the estimation of the world, sufficient reason for Sir Richard's remarkable popularity and his extraordinary hold upon the confidence of the country. He will not find it necessary to insult the intelligence of his readers by accepting Mr. Brewster's explanation and alleging that the voters were bought with their own money.

Mr. Brewster, when he approaches the consideration of what Mr. Bowser said in regard to the completion of the railways now under construction, ought to have felt under some obligation to confine himself to facts. He has seen fit to adopt the role with which his name has been associated hitherto and seek to belittle the prospects of Victoria in regard to transcontinental railway connection. He states that the ferries of the C. N. R. are not to be seen here for a year or more "according to officials of the company." Yet the contract calls for the delivery of the boats next summer and Sir Donald Mann has stated in a letter to the Manufacturers' Association of Vancouver that the time-limit was one reason why the contract was placed in the East. Yet Mr. Brewster, holding the position of leader of a political party, has seen fit to give these facts the lie. He further ridicules the fact that rails are being laid on the line between Victoria and Patricia Bay. He says "all the steel laid is a mile or so, ending nowhere.' It may be that Mr. Brewster is unfamiliar with the meaning of words and is unable to appreciate that such a statement implies that the laying of the rails has ceased. As a matter of fact it is proceeding steadily from day to day and will continue, not only until Victoria has been reached, but, as has already been announced, beyond this city continuously until the line has been fully completed. Mr. Brewster is understood to contemplate being a candidate for this city. He has begun to qualify himself for election by holding up for contempt the prospects of Victoria in respect to railway connection. Only last week a meeting was held of two committees representing the Board of Trade and the Development Association, the object being to urge upon the Federal Department of Public Works the necessity of a certain public work in view of the early completion of the Canadian Northern to this city and the establishment of car-ferry connection. Mr. Brewster brushes all this aside with a cheap attempt at wit.

The remainder of Mr. Brewster's manifesto consists of vague criticism and throughout the whole of it there is not a single word of constructive statesmanship. He says Mr. Bowser must be judged by his past record. To this we assume that gentleman will raise no objection. If he did it would not make any difference, for while the present Administration is a new one, Mr. Bowser has been prominent in public life for some years and his record is before the people. But what he as Premier and his colleagues will be judged by, when the question is presented to a jury of the voters, will be the policy for which the new Ministry stands and the reputation of its members for ability and integrity. Mr. Brewster will be careful not to raise an issue on those subjects.

THE LATE THOMAS J. BURNES

One of Victoria's most familiar figures will be missed from the streets. For many years Mr. Thomas J. Burnes came and went about his business with a cheery smile and a pleasant word for all whom he met. His bright wit, his fondness for a passing joke, his goodwill to all made us all look upon him as a friend. Failing health of late years kept him somewhat in retirement, but it is only a short time ago that he was greeting his friends with his customary cordiality. He carried with him an air of optimism that was an inspiration to all who came in contact with him. Through his life he had many vicissitudes, but nothing could daunt his courge or weaken his belief that it is the duty of man to add to the happiness of his fellows. He will be much missed, although time had greatly narrowed the circle of his intimate friends. His widow and eight children survive him. He leaves them a memory that it will be a pleasure to them to recall, and we all share in this legacy.

PROGRESS AS USUAL

We have commented upon the fact that since the war began the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and the Canadian Northern Railway as a transcontinental line have been opened for traffic and remarked that at any other time these events would have been the subject of wide comment and would have aroused expressions of enthusiasm. The premier Canadian transcontinental line now steps into the limelight with the announcement that the great five-mile tunnel at Rogers Pass has been driven under Mount Donald and it is now possible to pass from one end of it to the other. This does not mean that the tunnel is ready for use, because there is always a certain amount of finishing to be done, but that the tunnel has been driven through is a very notable thing.

This improvement is indicative of the importance attached by the management of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to its far-western connection. It shows that heavier traffic is contemplated, for otherwise such a great expenditure would not have been incurred at this time in order to reduce the grade at Rogers Pass. It means that the pioneer Canadian line is out for business against all competitors. The tunnel will add greatly to the capacity of the Mountain Section of the Railway. The contractors for this important work are Messrs. Foley, Welch & Stewart, who stand in the very front rank of railway builders.

In connection with this work a few facts regarding altitudes on the Canadian Pacific may be of interest. To most travellers who do not take the trouble to look the matter up on their time-tables, Glacier station seems to be a long way above sea level, and yet it is only 561 feet higher than Calgary. In other words, if we suppose Calgary to be at the level of the highway around Mount Douglas, Glacier would be at a lower level than the top of that elevation. Seven miles west of Glacier the railway is at the same altitude as Calgary. Revelstoke is at about the average elevation of the main line where it crosses Manitoba. Spence's Bridge and Winnipeg are at about the same altitude. The highest point on the railway is the Great Divide, which is at an elevation of about 5,300 feet. It seems much lower than places further west that are at much less altitude, the reason being that the line across the Prairies is for a long distance more than 2,000 feet in altitude.

DOUGLAS FIR

Douglas fir has once more demonstrated its superiority in comparison with other woods. Recently the Forest Branch forwarded to the Great Eastern Railway Company of England two Douglas Fir and two Red Cedar railway ties in order that they might be tested against two selected ties of Baltic timber. The result showed conclusively the value of the Douglas fir. We quote from the report given out by the Lands Department:

The results of these tests show beyond a doubt the superiority of British Columbia Douglas fir for railroad ties.

It was found that under compression Douglas fir will stand 5,695 pounds per square inch as against Baltic timber of 3,950 pounds per square inch; while Red Cedar made a very creditable showing against the Baltic timber of 3,407 pounds per square inch.

Tests in London were even more favorable for Douglas fir. This is shown by the fact that it would take 11,450 pounds or over 5½ tons to pull apart a stick of Douglas fir having a cross section of one square inch; whereas just half that weight would suffice to pull apart Baltic timber, and only 3,300 pounds were required to separate cedar.

These tests were carried out by the Great Eastern Railway, and the results which they found will be of immense value to the reputation of Douglas fir as a railway tie material amongst English engineers. The importance of this is increased by the fact that English engineers have the supervision of most of the railway lines in China, India and South Africa, all of which are valuable markets for Douglas fir.

The world is only beginning to understand the value of the Douglas fir. Tried by every test, there is ample evidence to show that it is the best all-round wood in the world. It is excelled in few respects by any other, and even where it does not take a first place, it is a close second. In most respects it is without a peer. The time is not far distant when its commercial value will secure for it the premier place in the markets of the world.

"You cannot buy honor with money," says Col. Roosevelt. Perhaps not for yourself, but a good many people have sold theirs for something worth even less than money.

A correspondent points out that the expense of a civic election cannot be avoided, and, therefore, it is of no use to suggest that the Mayor and aldermen should be returned by acclamation. This seems to be the case, and, therefore, we join with him in expressing the hope that any new aldermen who may be elected shall be men "who will pledge themselves to strict business economy."

Just when some people were beginning to lose heart word comes that the Panama Canal is sufficiently clear to permit the passage of ships drawing not more than 20 feet. It seems to be pretty generally admitted that for some time to come the Canal may be subject to occasional interruptions, but there is no reason for supposing that it will not meet the important purposes for which it was intended. British Columbia is as much interested in this great waterway as any other country in the world. As time passes means, more efficient even than those now in use, will be devised for the prevention and removal of slides.

Collier's Weekly draws our attention to some prophetic words written by Romain Rolland some four years ago, in his discussion of modern Germany. This well-known novelist and critic wrote sadly of what he then termed the deterioration of Germany, and Collier's thinks his words would make, in due time, a fitting epitaph to be placed on the tombs of the Hohenzollerns, the Hapsburgs, and Mohammed V.: "Take note," it says, "that I am no enemy of Germany. I love its old musicians too well, and its poets—above all Goethe, whom I admire more than any artist of the nineteenth century. What I do not pardon Germany is having betrayed its idealism. It is not that Germany has been victorious. It is that Germany has abused her victory. In 1870 she conquered by arms the first rank in Europe. She hasn't been worthy of it. What vital word has she brought us? None. She has crushed us under material force. No moral force has radiated from her. She has left us without light. That light we shall rekindle without her—and, if need be, against her."

One-sixth of the total railroad mileage of the United States is in the hands of receivers, more railroad trackage being operated by receivers than ever before in the history of that country. Financial men declare this condition of things means that the railroad industry is on the verge of a great revival, and that investors would do well to purchase stocks. Very few railroads in the United States can boast of never having been involved in a receivership. The Northern Pacific furnishes a good general example. This company lost millions through one way or another during the early years of its history. In 1873 the failure of the Jay Cooke Company, which had taken hold of the railroad, precipitated the greatest panic in the country's history. Owing, however, to the unbounded faith of a few persons in the future of the great Northwest, it was not long before the company was again on its feet, and five years after the collapse its earnings amounted to nearly half a million dollars above operating expenses. Today, as every one knows, the financial standing of this road is beyond question.

Very many of our friends are good enough to send us in verses on the war or matters relating thereto. We very greatly appreciate their kindness, but find it quite impossible to make any use of even a tithe of what we receive. Moreover, some of the verses sent in have already appeared in our columns. We do not wish to discourage our friends, but owing to the great uncertainty attaching to the publication of verses in The Colonist, we must ask that in cases where they desire to preserve the verses they shall only send us copies. It is quite out of the question to undertake to return such things as a rule, for reasons into which it is not necessary to enter. We have explained this all on at least two previous occasions, but perhaps one illustration of what may occur may illustrate the difficulty. A London paper will be received from some reader and in it there will be a marked poem and a request for its publication. For one of many reasons it is not published. The paper is laid aside in case some one may call for it. Days pass and no one does so, and the paper is thrown aside. Perhaps two or three weeks later a telephone call will be received asking why the paper has not been returned, although no name or address accompanied it. This sort of thing is of very frequent occurrence.

REFUTES RUMORS

Medical Health Officer Denies That Military Duties Interfere With His Work for City

Strong denial that his military duties, assumed since Dr. E. C. Hart left for the front, in any manner interfere with his civic duties was made by Dr. G. A. B. Hall, city medical health officer, last night before the City Council, when the estimates for his department were under discussion. The rumors afloat about the city to the effect that he was devoting some of his time to his military duties, thereby neglecting his civic duties were brought to his attention and the doctor outlined what he has to do in respect to the military work and pointed out that while he had to devote some time to them he was still keeping fully up in his civic work and spending longer hours than formerly. He had not accepted the military work from choice, and had not done so before consulting with the mayor and the chairman of his committee by whom he was told that so long as it did not interfere with his regular duties there would be no objection to his undertaking the military work.

Dr. Hall stated that he had intended going to the front, but when Dr. Hart decided to go he had been urged by the former to undertake his duties here. It was true that he was receiving $155 per month for his military work, but in no sense was he neglecting his regular duties.

Dr. Hall stated that when he accepted the city position at $5,000 a year he had expected it to be permanent at that salary. When the cut was made by the Council he felt that owing to the hard times he should take it as other officials had done, though he had had opportunities to go into private practice. His work in behalf of the city, he was sure, would speak for itself. The trouble had been that few of the Council and fewer of the public had any idea what are his duties or in what manner his department is carrying out its work, but the excellent health conditions of the city showed how exceptionally satisfactory the situation is.

Alderman Todd believed it was not a question of what the public thought or how much Dr. Hall was receiving from the military. All knew the merit of the doctor, but he (Alderman Todd) thought that $333 per month was too much for the city to be paying in view of the lesser salaries being paid the other officials. He would favor cutting the salary to $200 per month. He asked if the medical health officer of Vancouver was receiving as much as Dr. Hall, but the latter pointed out that Vancouver, besides the medical health officer, is also paying for a police surgeon, bacteriologist and other men, all of whose work is being done here by himself.

The whole question of the doctor's duties were gone into and the Council then determined to postpone consideration of the estimates until next Thursday evening when, among other items of the health department to be considered, will be the arrangement between the city and Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Death of Professor Roscoe

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Right Hon. Sir Henry Enfield Roscoe, emeritus professor of Owens College, Victoria University, and famous as a chemist, died suddenly of heart failure on Saturday, at his home in Leatherhead, Surrey. He was 82 years old.

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WESTERN IRISH HAS 600 ON ITS ROLLS

New Westminster Oversees Unit Is Recruiting Rapidly—Some of Its Officers Have Been Named

There are now 18 officers and some 600 "non-coms." and men attached to the 131st Battalion, Western Irish, at Queen's Park, New Westminster. The recruiting meetings held in South Vancouver and elsewhere nearly every evening last week have proved an effective auxiliary to the Central and regimental recruiting depots.

The officers so far appointed by Col. McLean include many well known local western men. Most of them, of course, are former officers of the 11th Regt., Irish Fusiliers of Canada, which is raising the Western Irish Battalion. The adjutant is Capt. T. G. McLean, brother of the Officer Commanding, and one of the officers who recently qualified for field officers' rank. His assistant will be Lieut. V. Z. Manning, formerly principal of Grandview School. Hon. Capt. E. H. Henderson is paymaster, Hon. Lieut. G. Lyon, quartermaster, and Capt. McQuarrie is particularly well known in the Royal City, where he has been coroner.

The company officers include Capt. E. J. W. Ryan, who was also at the field officers' school at the Capital last month, and Capt. H. B. King, who has been transferred from the 62nd Battalion. Others, formerly attached to the regiment, are Lieuts. W. G. Stickney, A. N. Brown, G. A. T. Lee, R. Cullen, R. McNaughton and C. T. Hutchison.

TROOPS WILL MARCH THROUGH CITY TODAY

Brigade Parade Ordered for This Afternoon Starting From Willows at 2 o'Clock —D.O.C. Will Review Units.

There will be a brigade parade this afternoon, the troops leaving the Willows Camp at 2 o'clock. All units quartered there, as well as the 103rd Battalion, C. E. F., will participate. The various bands will provide music and, after a march through the residential and business sections, the soldiers will be drawn up on Parliament Square, where they will be reviewed by Col. A. T. Ogilvie, the D. O. C.

The troops will be without arms, and, according to orders issued yesterday, Captain Bruce, of the 11th C. M. R., the camp adjutant, will be acting brigade major; Lieut. Harvey, the orderly officer; Sergt.-Major Feary, of the 11th C. M. R., the brigade sergeant-major; and Cpl. Reid, of the 11th C. M. R., the orderly trumpeter.

Leading the brigade will be the headquarters staff consisting of Lt.-Col. Kirkpatrick, O. C. of the 11th C. M. R., and the camp commandant and others. Then will come the 11th C. M. R., the 67th Battalion, Western Scots, the 88th Fusiliers, and the 103rd Battalion. With regard to the latter it was explained by Lt.-Col. Hennker, the O. C., that it would be impossible to have his men at the Willows at the time of the start, but that he would meet the others at the corner of Yates and Blanshard Streets.

The route follows: Fort Street to Richmond Avenue, to Oak Bay Avenue, to Rockland Avenue and Joan Crescent, Foreswood Road to Yates Street, to Government Street, and thence to the Parliament Buildings. After the inspection the brigade will be marched to Menzies Street, where the different units will be dismissed.

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LOCAL OFFICERS WIN DISTINCTION

Lieuts. J. H. McIlree and W. D. Holmes Are Awarded D. S. O. for Gallantry and Courage in the Field.

A dispatch from the Canadian official eye-witness at the front, received last night, announces that Lieut. J. H. McIlree, of this city, and Lieut. W. D. Holmes, of Millstream, both of the 7th Battalion, have been made Companions



LIEUT. W. D. HOLMES, D.S.O.
Victoria officer who has been made a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order for meritorious conduct in the field.

of the Distinguished Service Order for their conduct "in connection with a successful operation carried out by our second infantry brigade on the 15th, 17th and 18th of November." While this news is received with the utmost gratification by friends of these two officers, it was practically a foregone conclusion that they would receive some recognition for their gallantry, both their names having been mentioned in dispatches.

Lieut. John H. McIlree, who left here as private and was given a commission recently, is the son of Col. H. H. McIlree and Mrs. McIlree, of Carberry Gardens. He is 23 years of age and lived in Victoria for some time before enlisting. He went to the front with the 30th Battalion. The young soldier has repeatedly shown his ability as a soldier and the incident referred to in the dispatch probably refers to when



LIEUT. JOHN McILLREE, D.S.O.
Victorian decorated for services in the field.

he attacked a German trench with a bombing party and accounted for 62 of the enemy. He and his men entered the trench, killed fifty and took twelve prisoners, while one man killed and two wounded were their own casualties. For this daring assault he was congratulated by several officers of high rank, including Field Marshal Sir John French.

Lieut. W. D. Holmes is a native of Bombay, India, and came to Vancouver Island some years ago with his parents, his relatives residing in the Millstream district. He joined the 88th Fusiliers and left with the 30th Battalion. He took part in the engagement in which Lieut. McIlree distinguished himself, and made the latter officer's feat possible by advancing with a handful of men to within a few yards of the enemy trenches and severing many strands of barbed wire entanglements which had made the trench impregnable. The artillery had failed to break up the entanglement and Lieut. Holmes received much praise for his achievement.

MORE RECRUITS JOIN VICTORIA FUSILIERS

Fifteen Volunteers Are Sworn in Yesterday—Badges Are Being Distributed Among Men.

The 88th Battalion continues to obtain recruits in larger numbers than at the beginning of its campaign. Yesterday fifteen new men were taken on, which is an indication that interest in the battalion is growing. With the local response being received to the appeal for men, and the numbers coming from outside, there is good reason to believe that full strength will be reached early next month.

Yesterday the distribution of the battalion's badges began. These are very artistic, consisting of a maple leaf done in gold and, in the background, the cougar, with the inscription "Victoria Fusiliers, British Columbia."

The parade of the 88th on Saturday night, which was the largest the unit has held since its mobilization was authorized, undoubtedly created a splendid impression. The two bands played practically throughout the march in turn, and the smart appearance of both officers and men, all of the latter being in uniform in spite of the comparatively short time that has elapsed since many enlisted, was the subject of much comment. It is believed that this demonstration of the unit's growing strength, and of the progress already made, has had considerable to do with the increasing number of men who daily offer themselves for service.

OVERSEAS DRAFT IS NOW IN FRANCE

The overseas draft raised by the 5th Regiment, C. G. A., which left Victoria for England in October, now is "somewhere in France." A cable was received yesterday to the effect that Lieut. H. K. Robinson, who is in command, and Lieut. T. G. Blackwood, second in command, with the fifty artillerymen who left this city under them, left the Canadian base in the Old Country for the continent last Saturday.

SIGNALLING OFFICER OF 103RD APPOINTED

Lieut. Simmonds, Who Has Had Eighteen Years' Experience in Imperial Service, Is With New Unit.

Though there was no active campaign last week, recruits are still joining the 103rd Battalion, C.E.F., in large numbers. An average of sixteen to twenty a day are being signed up at the Central Recruiting Office. From all points on the Island inquiries and letters are being received in the orderly room from young men who are desirous of joining after the New Year.

The first public appearance of the battalion on Saturday was witnessed by many people and comment was made upon the smartness of the men. Many of them had never done any drill in their lives before. The bugle band, under the capable young bugler sergeant, has made much progress and it is believed that it will be second to none in Canada. It is also of interest to note that many boys who have lately left the High Schol are joining, and it is hoped that many more native sons will follow their example after the holidays.

Experienced Signalling Officer

The battalion is very lucky in getting for its signalling officer Lieut. Simmonds, an officer of wide experience in this branch. He was eighteen years in the Imperial army and holds instructors' certificates issued at Aldershot. He was for many years instructor in the Imperial army. He saw active service with the 16th Lancers in South Africa. He is capably assisted by Sgt. Bayliss, who is very well known in Victoria, being at one time proprietor of the Queen's Hotel and of large poultry farms. Sgt. Bayliss also holds instructor's certificates in the Imperial forces and has been in two campaigns with the cavalry.

Several men have already joined with motor cycles and several more are coming down from the Duncan district, thus making the battalion efficient in the communication work.

Things are now being sorted out at the New Drill Hall, and it is hoped before many days elapse that the swimming and shower baths will be in operation. The men are getting down to work and are looking forward to the good things that they will be getting towards the end of the week. There is one thing sure, and it is that they will not lack for anything so far as eatables are concerned on Christmas Day and the days following.

Men are now getting their uniforms, which are of excellent quality, and the tailors are working busily getting them into shape.

The N. C. O.'s of the battalion are all working steadily and a series of lectures was started today by Captain Pemberton, O.C. No. 1 Company.

Messrs. Lawder, Dunsford and Ekins have returned to duty from the School of Instruction at Work Point and are now resuming their duties in the battalion. Two officers will be leaving for the Mainland on a recruiting trip during the Christmas holidays.

Christmas leave will be given to the men as detailed in the papers.

JAPANESE OVERSEAS UNITS ARE PROPOSED

Corps of Naturalized Natives of Japan May Be Formed in Vancouver for Active Service

With a view to raising a distinctively Japanese unit for overseas service, the Canadian-Japanese Association intends to open up recruiting offices at Vancouver at once, and to go ahead immediately with the organization of a Vancouver corps similar in scope and operation to that of the Vancouver Volunteer Reserve. Men will be enrolled and trained for military duty, only those who can pass the active service examinations, however, being eligible for enlistment. Membership will be restricted to naturalized Japanese-Canadian citizens.

It is estimated that several hundred can be signed on in Vancouver right away, and at other places in the Province where there are Japanese colonies, similar units will be formed. The formation of the proposed corps is but a preliminary step, it is announced, the main idea being to start the organization of a military body which will furnish men for overseas duty. Application is being made to Ottawa for permission to raise an overseas battalion.

There are said to be more than 2,000 Japanese in the Province who would volunteer for overseas service if given an opportunity. A large proportion of them have seen active service; practically all have received military training.

Endorsement of the idea of taking an active part in the war by furnishing men for the Canadian Expeditionary Forces was given at a well attended and highly enthusiastic meeting of Japanese held at Vancouver, under the auspices of the Canadian-Japanese Association last week. A committee of ten prominent members of the colony was appointed to discuss the proposals outlined at the gathering and to submit a definite scheme of action to another meeting.

The committee has been in consultation with Lieut. Robert T. Colquhoun, officer commanding the 19th Company of the Canadian Army Service Corps in Vancouver, who has been taking an active interest in the idea of raising a Japanese-Canadian battalion, and that officer will assist in the organization of the corps.



LCE.-CPL. F. A. CORRY

News was received last Thursday by Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Corry, of this city, to the effect that their son, Lce.-Cpl. Percival Archie Corry, of the 15th Battalion, formerly of the 30th Battalion, had fallen on the field of honor. The young soldier was only 19 years of age, having been born at Falmouth, England, and educated at the Victoria Boys' Central School. He lived here with his parents for many years. Besides his mother and father, he is survived by four sisters and four brothers living in this Province. Of his brothers, Sergt.-Major F. C. Corry and Cpl. G. A. Corry are with the 62nd Battalion, while another brother, Cpl. W. E. Corry, is with the 6th Regiment, D.C.O.R., at Vancouver.

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Officers, Doctors, Nurses and Men of Establishment Authentically Reported to Have Been Sent to Egypt.

From a number of cables received yesterday from Cairo, Egypt, it is authoritatively learned that No. 5 General Hospital, which was mobilized in Victoria and is commanded by Lieut.-Col. E. C. Hart, of this city, has arrived there.

Mr. M. Morrison is in receipt of advices from his sister, Miss M. E. Morrison, of the nursing staff, to the effect that she and the seventy-five trained nurses of the establishment, are safe at Cairo.

Lieut.-Col. R. Angus, of the 5th Regiment, C. G. A., announces that he has learned authentically that the officers, doctors and the men also have left Salonica for Egypt.

The worst fault is the conduct of affairs is vacillation.—Napoleon.

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TOUR OF SAANICH

No. 3 Company of Western Scots Left Yesterday to Visit Saanichton and Sidney

No. 3 Company, 67th Battalion, commanded by Capt. George Nicholson, the machine gun section of the same unit, under Lieut. Stanley Okell, and the brass band in charge of Sergt. Geiger, left yesterday morning by the V. & S. train for Saanichton. At that point the troops detrained and marched to the Agricultural Hall, where, after some exercises, lunch was served. Early in the afternoon, the tramp to Sidney started. They arrived there late in the afternoon and found billets prepared by the people. In the evening, a band concert was given, there being a large attendance. Today, Capt. Nicholson will give his men trench work and field manoeuvres. Tomorrow the troops will commence their march from Sidney to Victoria.

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Cabinet Meets—With Premier Bowser presiding, the first regular meeting of the new Provincial Cabinet was held, yesterday, every member being present. A large quantity of routine departmental business, which has been in arrears for some weeks, was disposed of, and consideration was given to questions of policy on some larger matters.

Visits Constituency—Premier Bowser left on the midnight boat for Vancouver, his constituency, which he thus visits for the first time since his elevation to the position of First Minister. Mr. Bowser will return to the capital tomorrow morning. A number of his colleagues will leave during the course of the next few days to spend the Christmas holidays with their families.

Raffle for Quilt—The raffle for the red and white quilt made by Mrs. Ferguson, of Saanich, who is aged 80 years, and donated to the Red Cross Society, has been closed, the sum of $37 having been added to the funds of the local branch as a result. The drawing took place yesterday, the holder of the ticket No. 103, Mrs. E. Crow Baker, being the winner.

Fix Election Date—Selection of the dates for nominations and election of candidates for the City Council was made last night. Nominations will take place on Monday, January 10, and the election on Thursday, January 13. The deputy returning officers were named as follows: For mayor, Messrs. Lorimer and McCallum; for aldermen, Messrs. Orton, McEacheran, Redfern and Hopkins.

Arrange for Loan—The terms of the agreement between the city and the Bank of British North America whereunder the city will be enabled to borrow $170,000 against its Sooke Lake water works bonds, as yet unsold, to permit of the purchase of the 15,000 acres in the Sooke Lake watershed from the E. & N. Railway Company, were approved by the City Council last night. The land will cost $12.50 per acre, and the city has the money available after the above loan is secured.

Christmas Fare—The excess stock of ducks at Beacon Hill Park will this year prove a fortunate thing for inmates of the Old Men's Home, who will have added to their Christmas fare 12 of the birds. On the suggestion of the Home Committee the City Council last night decided to weed out the duck supply at the park and besides the dozen to go to the Home half that number will grace the Christmas bill of fare at the Y.W.C.A. Mission, Store Street.

Red Cross Pins Arrive—The local branch of the Red Cross Society received, yesterday, a supply of pretty enamelled brooch pins, which display on their front the Union Jack and the Maple Leaf. The pins, which are for the purpose of designating the wearer as having a relative on active service, have already been introduced in other parts of Canada under favorable auspices, and it is expected that their sale will prove another source of income to the local funds. The pins are small and of attractive design, and may be obtained at the Temple Building Rooms, or at the Superfluities rooms, Belmont House, at 25c each.

To Be Raffled for Red Cross—A model bungalow, correct in every detail, and a welcome acquisition to any nursery, has been constructed by Messrs. Williams, Trerise & Williams, who have donated it to be raffled for the benefit of the local branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society. The structure, which is of handsome design and of unusually large size for a playhouse, is now on exhibition at the Diggon Printing Company, where it can be viewed, and where tickets can be purchased. It is hoped that sufficient tickets will be disposed of to make it possible to decide the winner on Christmas Eve.

New Tax Collection Plan—The Delinquency Certificate scheme of realizing arrears of taxes was before the City Council last night and referred to the finance committee. The plan, which has been adopted in Oregon and Washington, was considered and approved at the recent meeting of the Union of B. C. Municipalities, and will come before the Legislature at its forthcoming session, when a request that the Municipal Act be amended to permit of its adoption will be made. The outline of the scheme has already been published. The City of Vancouver is also applying to the Legislature to have its charter amended to permit of the adoption of the plan.

Had Rough Trip—Mr. P. R. Fleming, Provincial Relief Officer, returned yesterday afternoon from a visit to Nanaimo and other up-Island points in the course of his departmental duties. Mr. Fleming came down by motor car and states that the run from Nanaimo was one of the roughest experiences of his life. The wind was blowing a gale most of the way, and the rain pouring in torrents, and there were a number of fallen trees to be avoided on the way down. Mr. Fleming and some companions on Sunday made an abortive atttempt to reach Lasquetti Island in a launch. When some distance out the launch ran into such heavy seas that it was deemed the better part of valor to put back to port.

Back From Exhibition—Mr. J. Lang, of the Agricultural Department, who, for the past season has represented the Provincial Government at the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco, returned to the city yesterday. He states that there can be no question that the Canadian exhibit, which includes the display from this Province, has resulted in a great advertisement. The Canadian building was crowded at all times, and it was noticeable that the Provincial exhibit came in for marked attention from visitors. Many inquiries were made about the resources and attractions of British Columbia, and there can be no doubt that seed was sown which will in time bear ripe fruit in increased settlement in this Province.

Longer Stay for Tourists—A longer stay by tourists when they visit Victoria next year is assured according to correspondence which Commissioner Cuthbert, of the Victoria and Island Development Association, has received from a number of leading tourist agencies of the east and south. Last year these agencies, in mapping out the routes for their parties, gave them only the period between boats here. Commissioner Cuthbert has been in negotiation with such concerns as Thomas Cook & Sons, the Mrs. Alexander Agency and others, with the result that they have all arranged that next year their respective parties will stay over in Victoria for at least twenty-four hours.

Apply for Allowance—Yesterday thirty-two applicants for the allowance granted by the Imperial authorities to the dependents of munition workers who went from Canada to England, made application to Mr. John Day, secretary of the Trades and Labor Council, who has been designated by the Federal Labor Department to receive applications. Nearly all the applicants were women, wives of the men. In the majority of the cases they stated that they had been informed by their husbands that the latter had filled in the requisite forms in England, but so far as the dependents here were concerned, nothing had been forthcoming. Mr. Day will be at Labor Hall, Government Street, today from 12 (noon) until 2 p. m., to receive applications from others entitled to the allowance. All names will be forwarded to Ottawa, whence the allowance will be issued in all cases entitled thereto.

Exemption Refused—Mr. A. P. Luxton, K.C., acting for the executors in the estate of M. M. Boyd, deceased, made an application before the Chief Justice yesterday for exemption from succession duties for that part of the estate which is in British Columbia. It was explained that the will was proved in Ontario, and that succession duty was charged there on the British Columbia estate but that it had been protested. The part in question, counsel stated, consisted of crown land grants and the duty would amount to $30,000. Mr. Luxton said that there was a partnership in the lands and that only a partnership, and not the lands, was transferred. Mr. H. A. Maclean, K.C., appeared for the Crown, and His Lordship held that there was no legal reason why the succession duties should not be levied.

Rescued Indian—During the height of the gale on Sunday an Indian, who was attempting to make his way in a canoe from the Inner Harbor to Esquimalt, foundered about 500 yards off the end of the breakwater. His plight aws first noticed by J. Frith, employed at the breakwater by the Sir John Jackson (Canada) Limited, who notified the crew of the company's launch. The latter put out and rescued the Indian who was almost exhausted from his efforts to cling to the overturned canoe. Usually the launch is not at the breakwater on Sundays, but it had put in there unsuccessfully attempting to tow a scow-load of rock from the Albert Head quarry to the breakwater. The scow overturned in the heavy seas and the launch put in to the breakwater to escape the storm.

Toured Constituency—Mr. L. W. Shatford, M. P. P., of Vancouver, who represents Similkameen in the Legislature, spent yesterday in the city, a guest at the Empress Hotel. Mr. Shatford has just completed an extensive tour of his large district, and reports that he found conditions very greatly improved. The transportation facilities given that section of the country by the Kettle Valley Railway are greatly benefiting the farmers, and a big influx of settlers is anticipated with the advent of Spring. The construction of a spur line some twenty miles in length, to give transportation facilities to the Copper Mountain district, is strongly favored by the mining people, who have already done a great deal of development work on properties which will become shippers as soon as the railway is finished.

Blue Cross Receipts—The entertainment held at Oak Bay last week in aid of the Blue Cross Fund was a marked success. The proceeds amounted to $92.50. The expense of printing tickets and programmes was $3.25, leaving a balance to the fund of $89.25. All expenses incurred with regard to renting the theatre, etc., have been paid by the kindness and generosity of a lady friend. To her and to all who contributed to the success of the entertainment the committee extends its most grateful thanks. A further sum of $300 has been forwarded to Mr. Coke in aid of the Victoria Blue Cross Hospital at Provins. The society also gratefully acknowledges a donation of $15 from the Ladysmith Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire in aid of the fund.

5th Regiment Band—The programme played by the 5th Regiment band, under Bandmaster W. J. Smith, last Sunday evening at the Royal Victoria Theatre, was a very good one, and enjoyed by an appreciative audience. Mrs. Weaver and Miss Griffiths were recalled after their singing of the duet, "When Life's Dream Is O'er, which they sang very sympathetically. Mrs. Kershaw Edmonds was in splendid voice, and had to respond with an encore to the continued applause. The Clarinet solo by Cpl. Willis was another feature executed brilliantly, and one which called for a repetition. The overture, "Stradella"; the selection, "Our Miss Gibbs," and the humorous number, "Three Blind Mice," were the favorites among the band numbers. Miss A. Muriset acted as accompanist. Next Sunday evening, Mr. Crook, basso, will sing a song composed by Miss Francis Norrish, written in honor of Canada's fallen heros.

His Scheme Rejected—A declaration that it is his intention to erect a statue in honor of the late Miss Edith Cavell and also a series of free hospitals, and a request that the Victoria City Council would favor him with permission to hold a Tag Day as soon as possible, "as we are anxious to launch this wonderful movement," were made in a communication from a Mr. C. T. W. Piper, of 615 Pacific Building, Vancouver, read at last night's meeting of the City Council. Mr. Piper, stated the first hospital would be erected in or near Vancouver, but would be open to any person of the Province. He enclosed a sample of the tag to be used and explained that it was not a common piece of paper but a nice bookmark, bearing a picture of the late Miss Cavell. This would sell for twenty-five cents each. Alderman Bell inquired who might Mr. Piper be and opined that his plan required investigation. The request was, however, promptly dealt with by the Council unanimously refusing to entertain it.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B.C., at 8 p.m., December 20th, 1915.

SYNOPSIS

A series of ocean storm areas now spreading inland across Northern B. C. are causing strong southerly gales on the Coast, Straits and Sound, accompanied by heavy rains.

TEMPERATURE

	Min.	Max.
Victoria, B.C.	42	48
Vancouver	42	..
Kamloops	32	..
Barkerville	36	..
Prince Rupert	38	40
Atlin	24	30
Calgary, Alta.	18	..
Winnipeg, Man.	—	..
Portland, Ore.	42	..
San Francisco, Cal.	48	..
Port Arthur	—4	..

SUNDAY

Highest	45
Lowest	39
Average	42
Minimum on grass	34

Rain—.02 inch.
Bright sunshine—.06 minutes.
General state of weather—Cloudy.

MONDAY

Highest	46
Lowest	41
Average	44
Minimum on grass	37

Rain—.49 inch.
General state of weather—Rainy

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Notice

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F. W. ADAMS,
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HAS BEEN AGENCY TO OBTAIN RECRUITS

Lt.-Col. Angus Commends Work of Patriotic Aid Society in Providing for Dependents

The following letter from Lt.-Col. Angus, O.C., 5th Regiment, C. G. A., Work Point Barracks, was received yesterday at the Patriotic Aid campaign headquarters by Mr. A. C. Burdick, chairman of the campaign committee:

"The assistance given by the Patriotic Aid Society to the wives and dependents of men serving overseas has been the means of enabling many married men of this Regiment, anxious to serve their country, to join the Canadian Expeditionary Force, leaving with the assurance that their families are adequately provided for during their absence.

"But for this assistance it would undoubtedly be a difficult matter to obtain the necessary number of recruits."

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HAS UNBOUNDED FAITH IN FUTURE

Outlook for Mining Industry Is Commented on by Mr. James Cronin—Need of New Trails Emphasized.

Mr. James Cronin, the widely known mining man, who has very large interests in British Columbia, and who has been responsible for the introduction of large sums of capital into the Kootenay country, spent yesterday in the city, a guest at the Empress Hotel, en route to his home at Spokane, after spending the season in the Hazelton district.

Mr. Cronin is at the head of a company which is developing a large silver-lead property on the Babine Range. He left here in August last and spent the Fall months superintending work upon the mines which, he states, are very promising, though the development work is as yet only in its initiatory stages.

He speaks in enthusiastic terms of the mining resources of that section of the Province, terming it potentially one of the greatest mining camps in the world. There is a need, however, for better transportation facilities for the prospector and the miner, who have at present great difficulty in getting about the country.

"I return from the North," said Mr. Cronin yesterday, "with more faith in the mineral wealth in British Columbia. The mountains around Hazelton and the contiguous country are full of valuable ore. The country has not yet been scratched. It is only a question of better transportation facilities for the miner and prospector and more capital. I feel safe in saying that when the former are provided the latter will be forthcoming in abundance.

"But that great northern district is much more than a mineral country. I was particularly impressed with the agricultural possibilities in the Bulkley Valley. It is one of the richest portions of British Columbia and capable of becoming the home of thousands of prosperous settlers.

Abundant Crops

"When I was there this Fall the farmers had just gathered most abundant of hay and oats. They are, however, unfortunate in not being able to find a market for their produce. This is due to two reasons—excessive freight rates to the Coast cities and the absence of a local market.

"With the development of the mining industry, which, in my judgment, ought really to have preceded the introduction of settlers, there will be provided that local market the absence of which just now imposes such a disability on the settler. As I have already indicated, the mines will be developed as soon as better transportation facilities are provided.

"What the prospectors and miners need immediately is more trails and roads. Many of the trails which were constructed some years ago have been overgrown and these should be cleared. New trails should also be constructed to those points where mining work is in progress. To indicate the disadvantage of operations in the Babine section, where our properties are located, I may tell you that this season I paid as high as 30 cents a pound to get some freight in.

"I look for a constant expansion in the mining industry of this Province from now on. Indeed, the improvement which has taken place in conditions during the last year is nothing short of marvellous. All the producing mines in the Kootenay and Boundary countries are operating and there has been a big development in the capacity of the plants, particularly at Trail, where the extra plant will represent an expenditure of over $1,000,000.

"The expansion in the industry is, however, not confined to Southern British Columbia. In the North and along the Coast great progress has also been made. The Rocher de Boule mines, just west of Hazelton, have since May shipped 18,000 tons to the smelter at Anyox. These mines produce a high grade copper ore, carrying good values of gold and silver.

"But the record of the past will, I am sure, pale into insignificance with the achievements yet to come, if those interested in the future of the industry are alive to their opportunities. The tremendous demand for metals as a result of the war has served to disclose the almost illimitable possibilities ahead of the mining industry of British Columbia, and I am very confident that such measures will shortly be taken as will retain in the country a considerable share of the profits which now go outside its borders."

FIRE IN CHINATOWN

Inmates of Lodging House Have Narrow Escapes as They Dash for Street

Fire, which did damage to the amount of about $600 on building and stock, broke out in the upstairs portion of the building at 534 and 542 Cormorant Street, at 11:30 o'clock on Sunday night. When the fire department arrived, the flames were roaring through the premises on the second floor, used as a Chinese rooming-house, and the light, flimsy wood partitions, which divided the place into small rooms, furnished fuel to the flames. The place was filled with Chinese when the fire broke out, and the firemen had considerable difficulty in getting up the narrow stairway to the scene of the fire in the face of the descending rush of excited inmates, who packed out bedding and other movables, and interfered greatly with the efforts of the fire fighters.

Four hydrant lines were laid, two from the salt water high pressure system, the force of which played havoc with the partitions, bowling them over as if they were made of paper. As soon as the water was brought to bear upon the flames, the fire was easily brought under control. The gale which was raging at the time necessitated quick action by the firemen, for had the blaze broken out through the roof, the possibilities of an extensive conflagration were exceptionally strong.

The premises were formerly used as a gambling resort, and the numerous passages were cut off by strong doors which, while left open by the fleeing Chinese, were unwittingly closed by firemen as they groped their way in the darkness, and some of the men found themselves cut off in seemingly endless passages or rooms, and had great difficulty in finding their way out.

Several Chinamen were burned as they made their escape before the fire department arrived. One, Lo Lai, was caught in a small room at the rear, and was not found until the fire was out. He was unconscious when carried out, but the pulmotor belonging to the department was requisitioned, and in a few minutes he was resuscitated and taken to the Royal Jubilee Hospital, where he soon recovered.

The premises are owned by On Hing Bros. The downstairs stores are occupied by Nan King and Sing Kee, whose stocks suffered to the extent of about $300 from water pouring down from upstairs. Damage to the building amounted to about $200. All loss is covered by insurance. An overturned lamp is believed to have caused the fire. Sometime previously all lighting facilities had been cut off through the derangement of the street wires because of the heavy gale, and it is supposed the Chinese, in utilizing lamps, overturned one, thus starting the blaze.

Earlier in the day an alarm called the department to 525 Cormorant Street, where a smoke scare alarmed inmates of the place; at 4:55 p.m., a chimney fire at 309 St. Lawrence was the cause of another alarm; and at 12:20 a.m., yesterday morning, a false alarm from the Bon Ton Restaurant, Yates Street, was responded to.

HEAVY STORMS ARE RAKING COAST

Centres Passing Eastward Cause Varying Gales of Great Intensity and Heavy Precipitation in Victoria.

A series of Winter storms now extend across the continent as far East as the Great Lakes, in a succession of storm centres travelling eastward. Each of these storm areas is tremendous in extent. The weather conditions in this locality are marked with variable winds of intense velocities. As a result of the storm's influence, the Atlin and Yukon regions are experiencing unusually mild temperatures.

The west coast of the continent from the mouth of the Columbia River to the far North is being subjected to a series of terrific gales. The storm centres come in off the Pacific at frequent intervals and pass in across the Province in about the latitude of Prince Rupert. The storm areas are estimated at about 2,000 miles in diameter. Very low barometric readings characterize the storm centres. The reading at Prince Rupert at 5 o'clock last evening was 28.90.

As these storms pass inland in succession the wind direction in this latitude varies between southeast and southwest. The fact that it has changed three times since Sunday noon gives some idea of the frequency of the storm centres. Coming as they are at the period of the full moon, and with an abnormally low barometric pressure, exceptionally high tides result. Spectacular effects are produced all along the waterfront, where the waves are lashed into towering breakers which blow their spume far landward across the seawalls.

The wind reached the intensity of a gale from the southeast in the course of the forenoon of Sunday. An average wind velocity of 52 miles was recorded for the day. About 10 o'clock on Sunday night it veered to the southwest and gradually increased in velocity until 54 miles an hour was reached between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock yesterday morning. Being in the form of terrific gusts, much higher velocities were reached during short intervals. Heavy squalls accompanied the wind during the night. Much minor damage was done about the city. The most serious inconvenience was the dislocation of electric circuits.

With yesterday morning came a slackening of the gale, and a change in direction, as it blew again from the southeast. Gales of lesser intensity were constant throughout the day and at the same time the heaviest rainfall of the month took place. During the 24 hours of Monday nearly half an inch was recorded. Late last evening the wind had again shifted to the southwest in Victoria, while the meteorological department in Washington State issued warnings of the approach of another southeast gale.

CASTERS AND COMEDY AT PANTAGES THEATRE

Knox Wilson Is as Likeable and Mirthful as Ever—Four Casters' Thrilling Performance

"Laugh and the world laughs with you" is a particularly true saying, as it refers to Knox Wilson, the former star of many big musical comedies, who properly convulsed three audiences at Pantages Theatre yesterday. All Victoria will laugh with this eminent comedian before the week is out, for his merry jokes, topical humor and clever manipulation of saxaphone and accordion make a vaudeville star of real and enduring merit. He is musical, versatile and magnetic, three of the greatest attributes of a big vaudeville star.

Seven big acts are on at Pantages for the Christmas week, and all are well worth seeing and hearing. Perhaps the cleverest of all is the wonderful and daring casting act by the Four Casters. These four young men display intrepidity of an unusual kind in their daring flights in mid-air, and appear what they are claimed to be—the greatest in the world in their particular line. It may be mentioned also that they are among the very few living artists who can execute the triple somersault effectively.

Some new and lightly-tripping patter is heard from Jarvis and Henderson in "Flirtology." Their quips and jokes are as bright as can be, and their contribution to the comedy of the performance is by no means inconsiderable. Another highly interesting feature of the programme is the series of ultra-modern society dances, charmingly presented by Hannah Leach and Jack Holland, the famous international dancers.

The Alaska Quartette, which comprises four men garbed as miners, are heard in popular selections. The voices of these artists blend with striking effect, and in the softer passages the beauties of the harmony are fittingly brought out.

A dramatic little playlet entiled "A Girl of the West" is another act which received the approbation of yesterday's audiences, being ably presented by Al Lutinger, with Hazel Starr in a fine characterization as the Western girl. The bill is opened by Harry La Toy, the comedy juggler, who has something entirely new in a branch of vaudeville which has many practitioners.

CHILDREN ASKED TO MILITARY PAGEANT

Special Tournament at Willows Tomorrow for Little Ones, Boy Scouts, Returned Soldiers and Nurses.

For the special benefit of the returned veterans, school children and the orphans of the B. C. Protestant Home, the hospital nurses, Boy Scouts, and, in fact, all those who were unable to see the military tournament of last week, arrangements have been made for an entertainment of a similar character tomorrow afternoon at the Horse Show Building, Willows Camp. It will start at 2 o'clock and finish two hours later, and everybody will be admitted free.

Those in charge of the programme are especially anxious that all the children of the city should receive notice of the event. They point out that it has been impossible to send a formal invitation to all organizations which have to do with the young folk and so it is requested that all such bodies make an effort to give those in their charge the chance of seeing the display. It is the hope that the immense auditorium will be crowded with the little ones of the community, and not only will they be given a good time, but every possible provision will be made for their care. The boy scouts will turn out in a body. It is the desire to see as many of the soldiers as possible and all the nurses who are off duty. The show is being staged especially for these people, and it is trusted that they will show their appreciation by attending in numbers.

The affair is being carried through with the approval of Lt.-Col. Kirkpatrick, O.C. of the 11th C.M.R. and the camp commandant. As far as possible the tournament event will be repeated. Some of the programme, however, will have to be revised, owing to circumstances over which the management has no control.

Special cars have been promised by the B. C. Electric Railway Co. to convey the invited guests to and from the grounds.

TREE STRIKES TENT KILLING YOUNG MAN

Messrs. Street and Stanfield Hit by Douglas Fir—Former Is Dead and Latter Badly Hurt.

A young man named Street is dead and his friend, Stanfield, is seriously injured as a result of an accident which occurred at 3:30 a. m. yesterday in the forest near the E. & N. Railway right-of-way between Cameron Lake and Hilliers. They were hunting bear and had established a camp in the middle of a large track of timber. On Sunday night they went to bed early in order to be about early on Monday morning, it being their intention to return to their homes at Ladysmith this week. While asleep the wind brought a large Douglas fir tree down on their canvas covering. It fell across Street's head and chest, crushing him so badly that death must have been instantaneous, while Stanfield was struck a glancing blow below the shoulders sustaining severe injuries. He was held a prisoner until help arrived.

Heard Cries for Help

After the tree fell Stanfield found himself unable to move. He was suffering intensely and believes that he must have lost consciousness for a time. In the morning he revived and at intervals cried as loud as his strength would permit for help. This he did at intervals until Mr. McVey, a lineman for the E. & N. Railway Co., who is in charge from Parksville to Port Alberni and from Parksville to Courtenay, arrived.

Mr. McVey explains that he was traveling along the line towards Port Alberni when, between Hilliers and Cameron Lake, he heard faint cries. He stopped and walked through the timber in the direction of the voice until discovering a tent beneath a huge fir tree. Hurrying to the scene he found Stanfield pinned down and his companion dead. It took him some time to release the former, as it was necessary to dig under his body to make space for his removal. Taking Stanfield on his back he carried him to the track and waited for the freight train from Port Alberni. It was stopped and the injured man was placed in the baggage car, rolled in warm blankets and given every attention that the facilities vailable permitted.

At Parksville, Stanfield was transferred to the train southbound from Courtenay and taken to Ladysmith, where he was placed in the hospital.

The coroner at Cameron Lake was informed of the fatality and is making arrangements for the removal of Street's remains, as well as for any investigation which may be considered necessary.

Street's mother and father have a farm near Blaney's Crossing, a short distance out of Ladysmith. The young man has been living with them. Stanfield is a resident of Ladysmith where, it is understood, he has been employed in the butcher business.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Buys Right-of-Way—Payment for easements required for the northwest sewer were authorised by the City Council last night to the following: Mr. Ellis, $750; Mr. Norris, $135; Mr. C. W. R. Thomson, $1,000; Sir Richard McBride, $250. The recommendation of the sewers committee that applications from Saanich residents to connect with the northwest sewer be refused until the agreement between the city and Saanich, relative to his latter's contribution towards the cost of that work, is signed, was approved. In an effort to come to a settlement with Saanich the Mayor was instructed to arrange an early meeting between representatives of the two municipalities and in the meantime two residents of Saanich who are already connected with he sewer will be disconnected.

Hot Signals of Distress—Excitement reigned along the Dallas Road waterfront on Sunday night, when residents of that district thought they saw signals made by a ship in distress. Urgent calls to police headquarters were sent in but investigation disclosed no signs of any craft in distress. The lights undoubtedly were those flashed by the new lighthouse at Port Angeles which appeared just on the horizon. The naval authorities as well as the Marine Department were notified by the excited shore dwellers. They request that hereafter people who think they see things would first make sure, because on previous occasions similar false alarms have been raised and have created trouble to no good purpose.

Sent to Prison—In the Esquimalt police court yesterday George Burgess and Richard Fitzgerald, firemen of the steamer Kaeima, were arraigned charged with assaulting Petty Officer Larkin, of H.M.C.S. Rainbow. The evidence showed that Larkin was taking Fitzgerald, who was intoxicated, to his ship when Burgess, accusing him of being a naval policeman, attacked him. Larkin had to drop Fitzgerald to defend himself. Burgess was only induced to stop fighting when others, attracted by the noise, intervened. It was apparent that Fitzgerald knew nothing of the occurrence and he was discharged. Burgess, however, was found guilty and sent to jail for one month with hard labor.

STORES CONSOLIDATION

Opinion of Solicitor Required Before Proposed By-Law Can Be Discussed

Although Alderman McNeill, who has strongly favored consolidation of the various stores departments of the city into one centre at the Garbally Road yard, was ready to introduce before the City Council last night a by-law to authorize the use of a number of bank balances, aggregating $5,500, for the erection of a building at the yard, objections by other aldermen postponed the matter until next week. The by-law would have to be submitted to the ratepayers at the coming election, but Alderman Todd, who opposes the consolidation for the time being, at least, asked if it would be wise to divert balances standing to the credits of the loans which were raised for the construction of the Dallas Road and Ross Bay sea walls in view of the possibility of having to repair defects which might appear in these works.

Aldermen McNeill opined that such balances could not legally be used for repairs to the walls, but he was not certain, and as City Solicitor Mannington was not prepared to give offhand legal opinion the matter was postponed.

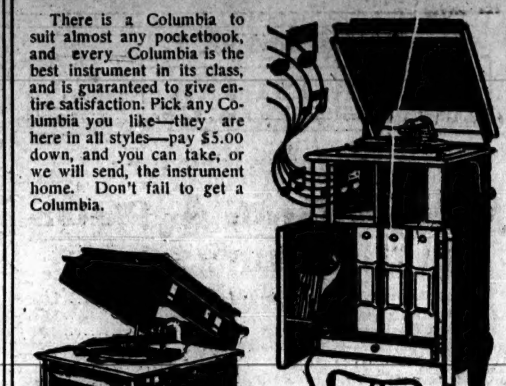
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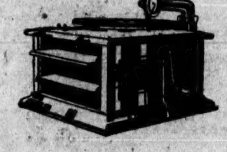


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Births, Marriages, Deaths

DEATH.

BURNES—On December 19th, 1915, at the residence, 1645 Pandora Avenue, Thomas John Burnes, a native of Dublin, Ireland, aged 83 years, and a resident of Victoria for the past 35 years.

The remains are reposing at the B. C. Funeral Chapel, 734 Broughton Street, from where the funeral will take place on Wednesday morning at 9:45 to the Roman Catholic Cathedral, where service will be held at 10 o'clock. Interment Ross Bay Cemetery.

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Cocoanut Cream and Nut Top Confectionery—Regular 40c lb.; now per lb. ..... 25¢
Fancy Boxes of Chocolates, very suitable for Christmas gifts; $3.00 to ..... 10¢
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Regular $3.00 dozen; today, half dozen $1.00
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These are extraordinary value and will delight the heart of any housewife.

Novelties for the Children's Christmas Stockings, real attractive and useful lines, each, 5c and ..... 10¢
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Crystallized Fruits, New Peel, Sultanas, Currants, Seedless Raisins

California Rubbed Walnuts, in cartons, very choice. Reg. 35c. Special 25c

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Our boys in khaki are fighting or dying—as fate wills—in the Greatest War the British Empire has ever been called upon to share. They are cheerful in the face of danger, because they sincerely believe that

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are seeing to it that their dear ones do not want. Are you going to betray their trust? If you feel that you can't spare anything; if you feel that it is not up to you to give anything; if you feel that the Victoria boys at the front are asking for charity—

Don't Give a Cent

They don't want charity! All they ask is for us at home to do our duty, as they are doing theirs. Don't contribute to the Patriotic Fund

Unless You Want to Help—To "Do Your Bit"

Patriotic Aid Society

1210 Broad St. — Opposite Colonist

POPULAR FILM AT ROYAL VICTORIA

New Adventures of J. Rufus Wallingford Feature Mary McIntosh and Max Figman

The first of the "New Adventures of J. Rufus Wallingford" were shown at the Royal Victoria yesterday for the first time. Each story is complete in itself and projects something new in the way of comedy. "The Bungalow Tangle," the title of the picture, takes place in a drawing room on the railroad when Violet and Fannie Warden, daughters of a man ruined by a swindling gang known as the "Felix Clique," meet J. Rufus Wallingford and "Bubble Dew," confidence men, who are invited to do their utmost to recover the lost Ward fortune, which is done with all the gusto of the two leading men. The cast is composed of Max Figman, as "Bubble Dew," Mary McIntosh, as J. Rufus Wallingford, and Lolita Robertson, as Violet Warden. The picture is good and bids fair to become a popular addition to the Royal programme.

In the same programme there is also shown a Pathe Gazette with some fine views that have taken place recently in England and France, also two other pictures that finish a good entertainment.

Germans and Austrians Aboard

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Danish steamer United States was brought into the Clyde by a British warship on Friday night, being diverted from her route while on the way from Copenhagen to New York. A large number of Germans and Austrians with large sums of money in their possession, are said to be aboard. The mails from the ship were put ashore. The steamer United States sailed from New York on November 18, and arrived at Copenhagen December 1. She sailed from that port for New York December 12. She belongs to the Scandinavian-American Line.

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Silver Spring Soap, 8 cakes for 25c.

In Women's Realm

BY MARIA LAWSON



LADY SMITH DORRIEN

The Fatherland

Where is the true man's fatherland?
Is it where he by chance is born?
Doth not the yearning spirit scorn
In such scant borders to be spanned?
Oh, yes! his fatherland must be
As the blue heaven wide and free!

Is it alone where freedom is,
Where God is God and man is man?
Doth he not claim a broader span
From the soul's love of home than this?
Oh, yes; his fatherland must be
As the blue heaven wide and free!

Where'er a human heart doth wear
Joy's myrtle wreath or sorrow's cypress,
Where'er a human spirit strives
After a life more true and fair,
There is the true man's birthplace grand,
His is a world-wide fatherland!

Where'er a single slave doth pine,
Where'er one man may help another—
Thank God for such a birthright, brother—
That spot of earth is thine and mine!
There is the true man's birthplace grand,
His is a world-wide fatherland.
—James Russell Lowell.

Lady Smith-Dorrien

To the wife of General Smith-Dorrien the war has brought pride as well as anxiety. Her husband, who married her after a long and honorable career as a soldier in Africa and India, had a right to think that he would enjoy many years of peace in his native land. But the fate which sent him to the war in France brought him fresh honors if it exposed him to danger and risk.

Now he is intrusted with supreme command in East Africa. The three friends who fifteen years ago fought for the Empire on the South African veldt, so unexpectedly brought together in 1914, are again divided. General French has received honor and been placed in the position of commander-in-chief of the home forces. General Haig takes his place as commander-in-chief of the British forces in France, and Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien goes back to Africa. That each of these great soldiers will do his duty to the best of his ability in his new sphere of action no one doubts. To each of them the nation and the world owes a great debt.

Will Lady Smith-Dorrien, with her three little boys, accompany her husband, or must she, too, continue to bear the pain of separation? She has been very active in many plans for the relief of distress ever since the war broke out. Indeed, the wives of the great commanders both in the army and the navy have set an example to women in all parts of the Empire. They were among the first to conquer their own feelings in order that they might serve others. That there is prosperity and contentment at home and that the suffering soldiers are well cared for is, in no small degree, owing to the efforts and the influence of the leaders among the women. They have shown themselves true patriots.

The Nobel Prizes

Only two of the Noble prizes for 1915 have been awarded. One of these goes to an American, the other to a Frenchman. It is nineteen years since Alfred Nobel, a Swedish manufacturer of dynamite, founded the Nobel prizes. They were to be given to any man or woman of any nation who should be judged to have attained the highest place in five lines of endeavor. These were physics, chemistry, physiology and medicine, literature and international peace. The prizes are very valuable intrinsically as well as carrying with them high honor. To the student or investigator who wins the Nobel prize, the need for anxiety about money matters should be absent for some time. Forty thousand dollars goes with the gold medal for the peace prize.

This prize has not been awarded this year. It was received by President Roosevelt in 1910, as an acknowledgment of his efforts in bringing about peace between Russia and Japan. At least, the medal did, as the President did not think he should take money for what he did in his capacity as the head of the nation. Since that time the prize has been won in several countries now at war. "Lay Down Your Arms!" was the cry of a great Austrian woman who has not lived to see the catastrophe her own country's rulers had so much to do with causing.

Rudyard Kipling has been assigned the prize for the greatest literary work, an honor shared by many great writers, among whom is the Swedish woman, whose stories are the delight alike of peasant children and the wisest of her countrymen.

The prize for chemistry comes for the first time to the United States, being granted to Professor Theodore Wilson Richardsg of Harvard University. This scientist is a native of Pennsylvania and forty-seven years of age. The New York Outlook tells us that "his chief contribution to science has been the revision of the atomic weights of oxygen, nitrogen, calcium, sodium, silver, copper, zinc, iron and other chemical elements, thus enabling his fellow-chemists to conduct their investigations with far greater accuracy than heretofore."

While most people will not understand the significance of this and other discoveries made by Professor Richards, there are few who do not understand Theodore Richards of Harvard University, had much to do with the progress of the world in the last half century. The Nobel prize for chemistry has been won by J. H. Van't Hoff, Sir William Ramsay, Sir Ernest Rutherford and Madame Curie.

For finding out just what X-rays are, Professor Max Von Lane, of Frankfort-on-the-Main, has gained the prize for physics, an honor he shares with Wilhelm Rontgen, Lord Rayleigh, Sir J. J. Thomson and A. A. Michelson.

Canada is a young country, but there is not less time for thought and study on that account. The world has grown so small that most of those who want to go abroad to prosecute their researches can find a way to do so. Canadian youth are born to a vast legacy of learning and research. Some of them are proving worthy of their inheritance. Perhaps the number should be larger.

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The following employes have organized to make monthly contributions to the Patriotic Fund:

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Employees of Northwestern Creamery Co.
Employees of National Drug & Chemical Co. of Canada.
Employees of Fleischman Co.
Employees of Chief Engineer's Department, Navy Yard; $1,500 subscribed since beginning of war; $1,200 promised for 1916, per A. Knight, Esq.
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Gloves as Xmas Gifts

A lady will always gladly receive an extra pair of gloves, no matter how many pairs she already has. But give her the best. Be sure you see the name DENT'S on the gloves.

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PRIZE-GIVING AT THEATRE

Christmas Entertainment in Aid of Red Cross Society Being Given at Esquimalt

The ladies of the Red Cross of Esquimalt have planned an interesting entertainment for tonight at the Rex Theatre. The first part of the programme, which has been arranged with the kind assistance of Mr. E. Withers, will consist of musical numbers, and will be as follows:

Song, selected, by Yeoman of Signals Milward; glee, "Drink to Me only with Thine Eyes," Master at Arms Hadley, Yeoman of Signals Milward, Seamen Ainscough and Bradbury; recitation, Ordinary Seaman Pearce; song, selected, Ordinary Seaman Spouse; song, "Brave, Territorials," Master at Arms Hadley; song, "Sunshine and Rain," Ordinary Seaman Bradbury; song, Mrs. Nelson, accompanied by Mr. Birch; song, Mrs. Jolliffe, accompanied by Miss Harcourt; duet, Misses Swan; song, Miss Logrin; songs by Cpls. Morden and Morrison of the Western Scots, accompanied by Cpl. Condy.

At the conclusion of the programme prizes will be given away to those who have had the good fortune to secure the lucky numbered tickets. The prizes will consist of boxes of bon bons, candies, bottles of perfume and pickles, chickens, toilet soap, books, and various other things, which have been donated. Every one who attends the performance has the same chance of winning one of these prizes, as the fifteen cent admission includes all privileges. The winning numbers for the Christmas raffles will also be drawn for tonight. Among these raffles are five turkeys, given by Mr. Locke; a fine Christmas cake, given by Mrs. Coille; and a beautiful doll, presented by Mrs. Fowler, of the "Beehive." No raffle tickets will be sold at the theatre. The entertainment will begin promptly at 8:15 o'clock. Commander Rose will occupy the chair.

Ratepayers' Meeting—A meeting of the ratepayers of Wards 2, 4 and 7, of the Saanich Municipality, will be held tomorrow evening, starting at 8 o'clock, in the new Tolmie School, for the purpose of discussing matters in connection with the forthcoming election. A large attendance is desired.

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The new Arcade Building which has converted what was hitherto an unsightly spot in the very heart of the business district into an attractive and modern business centre, is rapidly filling up with tenants. Of the twelve handsome and commodious stores on the ground floor ten have been rented and seven are already occupied, while the others will be occupied by the end of the year. On the second floor out of fifty-four offices thirty-one have been rented and in a short time most of the remainder will be taken. The aim of the owners, Messrs. Spencer Company, Limited, was to erect a building which would give every convenience to the tenants; the stores and offices have been laid out on lines requested by the tenants themselves with the result that the building in every respect conforms to the needs and requirements of the occupants. The erection of the building and the leasing thereof has been in the hands of Mr. James A. Griffiths, of the firm of The Griffiths Company, who was convinced that a building designed to suit the tenants would prove not only an attraction to business firms and a paying investment, but would also serve het laudable purpose of converting what has been undoubtedly a serious detraction to the business section into an attractive centre. The readiness with which the best firms in the city have taken quarters in the building has proved his judgment was correct.

Up-to-Date Facilities

A feature of the new building is the facilities afforded the merchants for the display of their wares; the stores are lofty and especially well lighted and the interior finishing is rich in design and appearance. The height of the stores permits increased accommodation by the utilization of mezzanine floors and in nearly all the store premises this facility has been taken advantage of. Each store, too, is furnished with ample basement space for the storage of large stocks, installation of workshops, etc., and easy access for delivery of stocks is provided by a paved roadway from Broad Street to the rear of each premises.

On the Government Street side all stores have been taken. Mr. W. H. Wilkerson, jeweller, will occupy the most southerly store at the first of the year and adjoining, on the north, will be located the boot and shoe store emporium of Mr. H. E. Munday. Messrs. Fitzpatrick & O'Connell, purveyors of high class men's furnishings, hats and clothing, are already in their new premises. The furnishings of the store are exceptionally elaborate and of the latest design for the adequate display of the wares, the latest type of glass showcases with rich solid mahogany finishings, give a most attractive appearance to the premises and are designed for the best display and handling of their contents. Special lighting features using the nitrogen lamp have been installed and in design and appearance are a distinct addition to the furniture. The firm has added to its lines a large stock of high grade furs and the display is an exceptionally attractive one, the product of the Sellers, Gough Company, the largest exclusive furriers in the Empire, the local agency of which has been secured by Messrs. Fitzpatrick & O'Connell.

Complete Stocks

Adjoining on the Government Street side is the store of Fletcher Bros., which runs, in an L-shape, through to View Street. The store has already been visited by many Victorians and in point of furnishings and attention to the needs of the firm's large clientel are claimed to be the best arranged of any premises of similar nature on this Coast, while the large stocks carried include only the product of the best makers in all lines of musical instruments.

At the corner of Government and View Streets the old established firm of druggists, Cyrus H. Bowes & Co., has commodious premises stocked with everything pertaining to trade of pharmacy. Of twenty-five years' standing in Victoria the firm needs no introduction to Victorians, but the improved facilities furnished by the new premises has increased its efficiency greatly. As hitherto chief attention will be paid to the dispensing of prescriptions, a business in which the firm has been pre-eminent and in which quality and accuracy have always been the chief features, but, in addition, full lines of all druggist sundries will be carried, including kodaks, photographic supplies, etc.

On View Street, immediately east of Messrs. Bowes & Company, is the View Street front of Fletcher Bros. and east of that again is the premises of Carter & McKenzie, where everything in the electrical line from the most up-to-date and artistic designs in lighting apparatus to contractors' supplies, are kept in stock. The arrangement of mirrors set in old ivory finishings which give added lustre to the richness of the stock on display and sets it off in most attractive manner. The stock is complete in every detail, and covers such extensive lines as those of the General Electric Company, Hot Point supplies, American Electric Company, and, in fact, every leading manufacturer is represented. A feature is made of the Universal Heating apparatus, including stoves, cooking apparatus, etc., and not the least important are the toilet articles such as curling irons, etc., which make a strong appeal to the fair sex. The firm has installed a complete plant for plating and repairs of all kinds and in the basement its stock of contractors' supplies is complete in every detail.

The most complete line of office fixtures, filing systems, etc., is claimed by the Macey Office Equipment Company which occupies two large stores to the west of the main entrance on View Street. Nothing in the way of office fittings, time-saving devices, filing systems, etc., is wanting and the method of display is exceptionally good from the standpoint of the prospective buyer. The showing of high-class stationery, sectional bookcases, desks, etc., is most comprehensive and the showroom in the basement contains everything of the latest in office furnishings.

To the east of the View Street entrance Messrs. A. J. Woodward & Company, proprietors of the Ross Bay Nurseries, have a wonderful display of Christmas specialties. The method of decoration is artistic in the extreme and when completed in a day or two will undoubtedly prove most attractive. The Christmas display of products of the nursery, especially of potted plants and cut flowers, is now being installed. The firm makes a specialty of carnations, chrysanthemums, roses, etc., and these will be displayed in the new premises. Other lines produced by the firm will be displayed at its present stores on Fort and Cook Streets.

On the Broad Street side commodious quarters have been secured by Mr. P. M. Linklater, civil and military tailor.

The same attention to the needs of the tenants shown in the store premises has been paid to the office quarters upstairs. The Canadian Explosives Company and Victoria Chemical Company have rented thirteen offices which have been arranged in a manner to serve the requirements of the company in the best way. A complete and thoroughly up-to-date photographic studio has been taken by Messrs. Jones Bros., photographers, and three of the leading dentists of the city, Dr. Richards, Dr. Thompson and Dr. Clements, have opened offices which have been arranged with the sole idea of the convenience of their patrons and to insure the quality of work done. Dr. Higgins is provided with fine offices on the Broad Street front and a complete plant has been installed in the offices secured by Mr. John B. Mackie, engraver.

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Tortoiseshell Vanity Turban Pins and Barette Sets—Neatly boxed. Price, from ... 25¢

Viyella Blouse Lengths—These make very welcome and serviceable gifts. A good variety of colorings to choose from. Price ... $1.50

Real Cluny Lace Centres and Runners at discount of ... 10 per cent

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Newest Gift Neckwear—the Prettiest Yet

A neat collar of white pussy willow taffeta silk, trimmed with a picot edged ruching. Pretty cuffs to match. Price, the set nicely boxed ... $1.75

This very effective Black and White Vestee is made of sheerest organdie. The edge is of black and is finely embroidered and picot edged. A handsome gift. Price ... $1.50

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If You Are Undecided Decide on a Glove Scrip

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Crepe de Chine and Fancy Silk Waists—We have a very beautiful assortment of fancy Waists suitable for gift purposes. The newest effects are shown.

Brushed Wool Sweater Sets—Comprising a coat, scarf and cap. These are well made of heavy brushed yarn, and can be had in several good colors. Price, set ... $3.75

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COMING EVENTS

Prohibition Meeting—A meeting of the People's Prohibition movement will be held today, at the Temperance Hall, Cedar Hill, at 8 p.m.

Lady Douglas Chapter, I. O. D. E.—The regular monthly meeting of the Lady Douglas Chapter, I. O. D. E., will be held on Wednesday, December 29, instead of tomorrow.

Christmas Contributions—The Esquimalt Friendly Help Society asks all who intend contributing Christmas hampers to send them to the rooms opposite the Canteen grounds on or before tomorrow, as they must be sent out on Thursday.

Blue Cross Raffle—A beautiful doll donated to the Blue Cross by Mrs. Umbrecht and dressed by Miss Irving is exhibited in the window of Messrs. T. W. Hibben & Co. The doll will be raffled on Christmas Eve in aid of the fund. The tickets are 25c each.

Sunday School Entertainment—A St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday School entertainment will be held in the Sunday schoolroom of that church this evening at 8 o'clock. A good programme has been arranged and all members and friends are cordially invited.

Service Subscription Dance—The second annual dance of the Service Subscription Club will be held on Thursday next. Those desiring to subscribe are asked to communicate with the honorary secretary, Lieut. R. Finch, 11th C.M.R., as soon as possible.

Raffle for Polar Bearskin—A polar bearskin, donated by Mr. J. C. Fields, is at present on exhibition at the windows of Messrs. W. & J. Wilson, Government Street, and will be raffled for the benefit of the Red Cross Society. Tickets may be purchased at the place of exhibition for 50c apiece.

Bona Dee Club—Owing to so many of the members being busy during the holiday season, the committee has decided not to hold the weekly dance this evening, but will hold one on the last Tuesday evening of 1915. The proceeds derived from this dance will be donated to the Patriotic Fund.

Lady Douglas Chapter, I. O. D. E.—Any member of the Lady Douglas Chapter, I. O. D. E., who has not already been notified is requested to report today at the tent of the Lady Douglas Chapter on the corner of Government and Courtney Streets for the purpose of assisting in the Tag Day Campaign.

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HOLIDAYS

Prize-Giving Appropriately Celebrated at Entertainment Held Yesterday

The closing for the Christmas term of St. George's School took place yesterday and last evening at Christ Church Cathedral schoolroom speeches were made by the principal and others interested in the work of the school, and three acts of "Scenes From Cranford" were presented by several of the pupils.

The function was a most enjoyable one from every standpoint and the programme was carried out with all possible success. The schoolroom was gaily decorated for the occasion and provided a fitting setting. There was an unusually large attendance of parents, and among those present were numerous representatives of the local clergy.

In connection with the closing, a drill display, consisting of Sandow and Swedish physical exercises was held during the morning under the direction of Miss Williams, who acted as instructor with capability during the term.

The evening entertainment was opened by Mrs. Buttle, the principal, who read the report of the term's work, showing that much progress had been made by all the forms.

The Bishop of Columbia spoke, congratulating the girls on their prowess in the various branches of school work. Dean Schofield also spoke in terms of praise for the pupils of St. George's, and Rev. E. G. Miller, who followed him with a short speech, spoke in the same vein. The prizes were presented by the Bishop.

The cast of characters for the play was as follows:

Miss Matty, Marjorie Beech; Mary Smith, Peggy Hodgins; Martha, Alison Suttie; Miss Pole, Joyce Wilson; Mrs. Forrester, Anne Sherwood; Mrs. Fitz-Adam, Lorraine Wooten; Mrs. Betty Barker, Gwen Pontifex; Hon. Mrs. Jamieson, Jill Lloyd-Young; Lady Glenmire, Rachel Wilson; Peter Marmaduke Arley Jenkyns, Katherine Wilson.

Of the several actresses, Misses Marjorie Beech, Alison Suttie, Joyce Wilson and Rachel Wilson displayed exceptional talent. After the programme was concluded Miss Loraine Wootton sang "O Canada" in pleasing style.

Tea and refreshments were served at the schoolroom before the evening's entertainment was brought to a close.

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LONDON, Dec. 20.—Announcement is made that the following officers have left the Canadian bases in England and proceeded to France, where they will be given instructions under active service conditions:

7th Reserve Infantry headquarters: Major Gillespie.

9th Battalion: Capt. Bailey, Lieut. Greacen.

11th Battalion: Capt. Collins.

12th Battalion: Capt. Jennings, Lieut. Ryder.

17th Battalion: Lieut. Topp, Lieut. Morris.

23rd Battalion: Capt. Creighton, Lieut. Bend.

36th Battalion: Capt. Lee, Lieut. Thomas.

37th Battalion: Capt. Evans.

48th Battalion: Capt. Baldwin, Capt. Cormick.

39th Battalion: Major Vanderwader, Capt. Hudson, Capt. Mallock.

43rd Battalion: Major Grassie, Capt. Chandler, Lieut. Watson.

48th Battalion: Lieut. Campbell, Lieut. Sawyer, Lieut. Harrower.

Machine gun school: Major Benefield. Signaling school: Capt. Vanwart.

General Killed in Battle

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Major-General von Steinbrecher, of the German army, has been killed, according to a despatch from Amsterdam to the Central News Agency.

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ROCHAMBEAU ......Jan. 1, 3 p.m.
LAFAYETTE ......Jan. 8, 3 p.m.
ESPAGNE ......Jan. 15, 3 p.m.

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Jan. 13	SCANDINAVIAN	Liverpool
Jan. 20	PRETORIAN	Liverpool
Feb. 2	*CORINTHIAN	London
Feb. 9	*SICILIAN	London
Feb. 10	CORSICAN	Liverpool

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WHITE LINER WILL MAKE PORT TONIGHT

Empress of Japan Reports Arrival at William Head at 8 p. m.—Has Operated as Merchant Cruiser.

Making her reappearance on this side of the Pacific after an absence of fifteen months, the Canadian Pacific white liner Empress of Japan, will reach Victoria tonight from the Far East. The big liner got in touch with the coast wireless stations yesterday, and reported that she would arrive at William Head by 8 o'clock this evening, thus completing her transpacific voyage right on schedule.

May Get Pratique

The prevailing opinion here is that the Empress of Japan will be passed at William Head tonight, despite the fact that official sundown today is shortly after 4 p.m. Up to a late hour yesterday, no word had been received from Ottawa as to what course would be adopted, but as the liner carries a large Oriental mail, and in view of the fact that certain exceptions have been made recently with regard to other mail and passenger liners, it is considered likely that the Empress of Japan will be granted pratique tonight. In that event she will come alongside the Outer Docks about 9 p.m.

Apart from her mail, the liner has a large list of cabin and steerage passengers, and a capacity cargo, including much raw silk.

She is under the command of Captain F. L. Davison, R. N. R., formerly commander of the liner Monteagle, who left that ship on the completion of her last inward voyage, and after turning the bridge over to Captain A. Hailey, R. N. R., left as a passenger aboard his old vessel for the Orient, to take over the Empress of Japan. Captain Dixon Hopcraft, R. N. R., who has been with the Empress of Japan during her service under the Admiralty, has been granted an extended furlough.

Made Smart Capture.

Shortly after the outbreak of war, the Empress of Japan was taken over by the British Government, and, following her arrival at Hongkong, was fitted out as an armed merchant cruiser. The Empress of Japan has to her credit the capture of the armed merchantman Exford, which, as a British freighter, was seized by the German raider Emden, armed and manned by a German crew, and operated for a time as a commerce destroyer. The activities of the Empress of Japan, for the greater part of the time, have been confined to Far Eastern waters and the Indian Ocean.

On her outward voyage from this port, the Empress of Japan is scheduled to sail on New Year's Day. She will shortly be followed in the mercantile service by the large C. P. R. liners, Empress of Russia and Empress of Asia, which are now being refitted at Hongkong. The Empress of Russia is posted to sail from Hongkong for Victoria on February 24.

COLONIST SHIPPING GUIDE

OCEAN VESSELS

Steamers to Arrive

Empress of Japan, from Hong Kong..Dec. 21
Chicago Maru, from Hong Kong....Dec. 28
Saikai Maru, from Yokohama......Dec. 27
Aki Maru, from Hong Kong........Dec. 30
Titan, from Hong Kong..........Jan. 1
Monteagle, from Hong Kong.......Jan. 4
Polyphemus, from Liverpool......Jan. 6
Canada Maru, from Hong Kong.....Jan. 9
Niagara, from Sydney...........Jan. 13
Crown of Seville, from Glasgow...Jan. 11
Tacoma Maru, from Hong Kong.....Jan. 29
Crown of Toledo, from Glasgow....Feb. 20

Steamers in Port

Musician, Br. Str...........from Glasgow

Steamers to Sail

Hawaii Maru, for Hongkong........Dec. 21
Makura, for Sydney.............Dec. 22
Empress of Japan, for Hong Kong..Jan. 1
Chicago Maru, for Hong Kong......Jan. 7
Monteagle, for Hong Kong.........Jan. 11

Steamers Sailed

Tamba Maru, for Hong Kong.......Nov. 8
Ixion, for Hongkong............Nov. 12
Yokohama Maru, for Hongkong.....Nov. 12
Tacoma Maru, for Hongkong.......Nov. 19
Calchas, for Liverpool..........Nov. 25
Niagara, for Sydney............Nov. 24
Manila Maru, for Hong Kong......Nov. 26
Mexico Maru, for Seattle........Nov. 27
Sado Maru, for Hong Kong........Dec. 4
Talthybius, for Hong Kong.......Dec. 8
Hawaii Maru, for Seattle........Dec. 12
Awa Maru, for Hongkong..........Dec. 14
Makura, for Vancouver...........Dec. 16

Sailers to Arrive

Encore, Am. schr., from Capetown......
Pauko, Am. schr. ....from Melbourne

TIDES AT VICTORIA

December, 1915

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The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. Where blanks occur in the tables, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of lower water.

MARIPOSA'S PILOT LOSES CERTIFICATE

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 20.—Pilot John P. Wall, mate on the Alaska Steamship Company's liner Mariposa, on Saturday was found guilty of negligence by Capts. B. B. Whitney and H. C. Lord, United States steamboat inspectors, in the wreck of the vessel on Campbell Island, B. C., October 8, and his licence suspended until January 11 next, the date when it expires.

Wall, according to testimony at the hearing before the inspectors November 16 and 19 and December 15, was on watch on the bridge when the Mariposa struck in Lama Passage en route to Southeastern Alaska. The Federal officials found that Wall had left the bridge a short time before the vessel grounded, going to the chart room to note a change of course.

Before leaving, it was testified, he had instructed the quartermaster to port his helm and that officer, misunderstanding the order, swung the ship to starboard during the absence of the pilot. When Wall returned to the bridge he was too late to save the ship from sinking.

In their findings, the steamboat inspectors point out that Wall should have remained on the bridge every instant while the ship was in such shallow and dangerous waters, and that his leaving his post to perform a task that was not a necessity had caused them to sustain a charge of negligence.

WEATHERWAX SOLD

Schooner Which Failed to Reach Destination From Chemainus Bought by Seattle Interests

Cable advices from the Hawaiian Islands state that the American schooner J. M. Weatherwax was sold at public auction on December 16 at Honolulu to Seattle interests to satisfy claims against the vessel of about $3,000. The J. M. Weatherwax loaded a cargo of lumber at Chemainus for Australia and put to sea on June 1. She put into Honolulu twice, reporting damage by bad weather.

GOVERNOR BUFFETED

Pacific Coast Liner Had Very Rough Trip up the Coast From San Francisco

Bad weather marked the northbound voyage of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's liner Governor from San Francisco. The liner reached port at noon yesterday after a passage of 48 hours from the Golden Gate. Captain George H. Zeh, who was in command of the Governor, reported dirty seas for the greater part of the trip, but as the weather was astern, the vessel was not handicapped to any great extent. Great combers flopped over the stern from time to time, causing some excitement for the passengers.

The Governor brought north a total list of 157 first class and 30 steerage passengers. After discharging 124 tons of California produce here, the Governor left at 3 p.m. for Seattle.

JAPANESE STOWAWAYS

Three Nipponese Have Been Ordered Deported by the Immigration Authorities

Three Japanese stowaways taken from a British steamer in port have been ordered deported by the immigration authorities. Providing accommodation can be arranged it is expected that the stowaway trio will be shipped back to Japan aboard the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Hawaii Maru, which is due to leave port this evening for Yokohama.

UNION OIL FLEET

Large Tanker La Brea Launched and Will Be Ready for Service in Two Months

The Union Oil Company's new tanker La Brea, which was launched from the Union Iron Works at San Francisco on Saturday, is a vessel of 452 feet in length and has a displacement of 15,-128 tons. The La Brea was built in remarkably quick time, her keel having been laid on September 15. Within two months from now her owners expect to have the La Brea ready for service.

By the middle of January it is hoped that the tanker Los Angeles, a sister ship of the La Brea, will be ready for launching.

The addition of these two big tank steamers will give the Union Oil fleet a total carrying capacity of almost 200,-000 barrels of oil. The cost of each ship will be approximately $1,000,000. The sea speed of the La Brea will be eleven knots.

Corinth Is Spoken

Bound from North Pacific ports to London the British steamer City of Corinth, sailed from Coronel on Friday last. She is proceeding to the United Kingdom via the Magellan Straits.

Phoenix Stout, 2 quarts for 25c.

Freighter Is In Port From Glasgow



SS. MUSICIAN

ABANDONED VESSEL IN ARCTIC WASTES

Captain and Two of Crew of Bender Brothers Reach Civilization After 1,000-Mile Mush From Kuskokwim.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 20.—Hard as steel from a 1,000-mile "mush" from the Kuskokwim district to Iditarod, to Fairbanks, to Anchorage and thence to Steward, Capt. Louis Knaflich, Chief Engineer G. L. Lister and Assistant Engineer W. J. Fitzpatrick, of the power schooner Bender Brothers, of Seattle, arrived home on the steamship Admiral Evans of the Admiral Line. The Bender Brothers was caught in the ice and frozen in for the Winter near Bethel on the Kuskokwim River.

The mates and seamen of the Bender Brothers remained with the ship and will spend the Winter on her. Capt. Knaflich and his two companions left Bethel October 15 with a team of eight dogs. When far up the river the ice broke and they had to strike out across country. By the river route they would have arrived in Iditarod in three more days.

Eat Dog Fish

The cross-country venture took seven days, the party subsisting on dog fish the last four days. The temperature was steady at 28 degrees below zero. On the Bethel-Iditarod section of the journey the party had to break trail for 400 miles.

The party arrived in Iditarod November 17, a month and two days after leaving Bethel. They made the run to Fairbanks in good time and crossing the mountains reached Anchorage December 3, after a difficult "mush" through five feet of snow on the Rainy Pass summit. The trail from Anchorage to Seward, 135 miles, was narrow for sixty miles and covered in many places by glare ice that made travel difficult.

While in Anchorage, Capt. Knaflich made a study of ice conditions in Cook Inlet, and as a result believes that with a vessel of the proper construction navigation can be maintained in the inlet during the Winter. The Bender Brothers, owned by Knaflich and J. E. Shields, is frozen in in a sheltered slough.

GREASE BLAMED FOR MINNESOTA TROUBLE

Dirt and Scale in Boiler Tubes Declared to Be Responsible for Vessel's Breakdown

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 20.—Grease, dirt and much scale found in the boiler tubes of the Great Northern steamship Minnesota were responsible for the vessel's breakdown, according to Federal inspectors working on the case. The examination continued, but without expectation of finding further evidence of what stopped the Minnesota off the Lower California coast en route from Seattle to London.

At the time of the accident, C. W. Wiley, marine superintendent of the Great Northern, asserted that the blowouts were caused by foreign matter in the boilers and suggested acids.

MADE UP LOST TIME

Liner Niagara Is Reported Arriving at Sydney Right on Schedule

Making up a full day lost between Victoria and Honolulu, the Canadian-Australasian liner Niagara, Captain J. T. Rolls, arrived at Sydney, N. S. W., on Thursday last, right on schedule.

The Niagara sailed from this port on November 24 and immediately after getting clear of the Straits she bumped into a series of bad storms, which put her back 24 hours in reaching Honolulu.

On her next northbound trip the Niagara is posted to sail from Sydney on Thursday of this week, and she will arrive here on January 13. The liner Makura, Captain J. D. S. Phillips, is due to leave here tomorrow night on her outward voyage to the Antipodes.

CABINET GRAMOPHONE and Fifty Records, Builder's Level, Furniture and Curios. Murdoch's Pandora Mart. Car No. 3 stops at door. Phone 4898.

THE TIME BALL

The time ball on the Belmont Building will be raised half-mast high at 12:45 p.m., to the top at 12:55 p.m., and will be dropped at 1 p.m. daily.

F. NAPIER DENISON, Superintendent.
The Observatory, Gonzales Heights.

WIRELESS REPORT

(By Government Wireless)

Point Grey—Cloudy; S.E. fresh; 29.65; 45; sea moderate.

Cape Lazo—Rain; S.E. moderate; 29.45; 44; sea rough.

Pachena—Cloudy; S.W. strong; 29.10; 42; sea rough.

Estevan — Rain; N.W. light; 29.40; 45; sea rough.

Alert Bay — Overcast; S.E.; 29.20; 39; light swell.

Triangle—Cloudy; S.W. strong; 29.28; 42; sea rough.

Deadtree Point—Cloudy; S.E. fresh; 28.92; 40; sea rough.

Ikeda Bay — Overcast; S.E. fresh; 28.62; 39; light swell.

Prince Rupert — Rain; S.E. strong; 28.70; 39; sea rough.

HEAVY BLOW KEPT MUSICIAN OUTSIDE

Harrison Freighter Forced to Seek Shelter in Royal Roads on Completing Voyage From Glasgow.

Owing to the strong southeasterly gale blowing outside on Sunday night the Harrison-Direct Line steamer Musician was unable to come to her berth at the Outer Docks until yesterday morning, being forced to swing at her anchors in the Royal Roads overnight. After making the run around the South American coast as a result of the earth blockade in the Panama Canal, Captain Dunn brought his ship to Victoria on the day the news was received that the waters in the Gaillard Cut had again met and that vessels of less than twenty feet draft had been allowed to pass through the isthmian waterway.

Difference in Routes

Perhaps the value of the Panama Canal to shipping coming to the North Pacific from Europe was never more clearly demonstrated than by the lengthy voyage of the freighter Musician. When she dropped anchor at this port the Musician was exactly 105 days out from Glasgow, whereas, ships of the fleet making the run via Panama have been in the habit of covering the distance in about 40 days. The Musician sailed from Glasgow on September 4 and cleared from Liverpool on September 12 for Colon, where she arrived on October 1, only to find that her passage was blocked by the tremendous earth movement in the canal zone. While his ship was at Colon Captain Dunn took full advantage of the detention of his ship by making the trip across the Isthmus of Panama to the Pacific side.

Came Via Trinidad

When it was seen that several months would elapse before the canal would again be ready for traffic, Captain Dunn was instructed by his owners to proceed to his destination by way of the Magellan Straits, and on October 14 she steamed for Trinidad, British West Indies, to take on coal and supplies for the extended voyage.

From Trinidad the Musician went to Santos, Brazil, where she loaded 3,000 bags of coffee, and after leaving there she steamed for Southern California via Punta Arenas, arriving at San Pedro 31 days out from Santos. Before coming on to this port the Musician discharged heavy shipments of European freight at San Francisco.

The freighter brought in 1,000 tons of cargo for Victoria, including about 800 tons of pipe for the Saanich water works scheme. She is expected to complete discharging cargo here late this afternoon and will get away sometime tonight for Vancouver. Under the command of Captain Dunn the Musician has made more than one voyage to this port in the Harrison service.

MUCH CARGO MOVING FOR VLADIVOSTOK

Frank Waterhouse Announces That 110,-000 Tons of Cargo Is Under Contract for Shipment to Siberia

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 20.—Frank Waterhouse, president of the shipping firm of Frank Waterhouse & Co., who has just returned from a business trip to New York and Chicago, said that his firm had approximately 110,000 tons of cargo under contract to move from Seattle to Vladivostok, Siberia, within the next few months.

"We now have seventeen sailings arranged in advance and all of the cargo will be loaded in Seattle," said Mr. Waterhouse. "We hope to fix additional charters in the near future. It is almost impossible to get steamers and charter rates and freight rates have been advancing and are still advancing very fast."

LINER CHICAGO MARU IS TWO DAYS BEHIND

O. S. K. Steamship Was Delayed in Getting Away From Yokohama for Victoria—Hawaii Maru Departs Today

Running two days behind her regular schedule, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Chicago Maru, Captain Hori, is expected to reach here on December 28. Cable advices received from Yokohama yesterday, by R. P. Rithet & Co., state that the Chicago Maru, which sailed from Yokohama on December 12 for North Pacific ports, has aboard 650 tons of general Oriental merchandise, consigned to Victoria. All told, the Chicago Maru has a cargo of approximately 7,000 tons, the bulk of which is destined for Puget Sound.

Passenger travel from the Orient shows a considerable falling off, particularly with regard to the sailing of this liner. The Chicago Maru has only two first-class passengers, and forty-two in the steerage. Of this number, but three steerage passengers are booked for disembarkation at Victoria.

The Chicago experienced terrific storms on her last outward voyage from this port. Her return schedule called for her departure from Yokohama on December 10, but the liner was two days late in putting to sea.

At 6 o'clock this afternoon, the Japanese liner Hawaii Maru, Captain Saito, is due to arrive at the Outer Docks from Seattle, to take on passengers and mail for her outward voyage to the Far East. She will put to sea about 7 p.m., for Yokohama and Hongkong. The Hawaii Maru, which, with the sister ship Manila Maru, is the largest vessel plying in the Osaka Shosen Kaisha transpacific service, will take out a cargo of fully 12,000 tons. A heavy list of steerage passengers has also been booked for this sailing, and many will go aboard at this port.

No word has been received of the Japanese freighter Saikai Maru, under charter to the O. S. K. Line, which, by this time, should be nearing the coast from Yokohama. The Saikai Maru has no wireless, and will not be reported until she passes in at Cape Flattery. She is expected here on December 27.

SETTLE TITANIC CLAIMS

White Star Line Agrees to Pay Sum of $664,000 in Settlement

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The White Star line has agreed to pay $664,000 in settlement of all claims arising from the sinking of the Titanic on April 15, 1912, when more than 1,500 persons were drowned, attorneys for the line announced here.

Of this amount approximately $500,-000 would be distributed among American claimants; $50,000 to British claimants and $114,000 would be required for interest and expenses in connection with new suits. Forty-four attorneys, representing that number of persons out of more than sixty who have filed claims against the line, have signified their willingness to accept the settlement terms, according to George W. Betts, Jr., one of the attorneys. The appropriation grew out of the claimants committee appointed last Summer, which carried on a long litigation and fixed the claims at $2,500,000. About $500,000 would be paid directly to American claimants. Mr. Betts explained that each one would receive approximately 20 per cent of his claim. Under no circumstances, he added, will the money be distributed pro rata among the claimants.

DAYS ARE NOT ENDED

Old Bark Antiope, Which Was Sold for Coal Barge, Is Again Being Made Ready for Sea

The old bark Antiope, which for many years traded out of North Pacific ports, and which was sold during the past Summer to be converted into a coal hulk for the Paparoa Coal Company, New Zealand, is reported to have been resold to a Dunedin firm, has been surveyed, and is being made ready for overseas trading again.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No letters to the Editor will be printed except over the proper signature of the writer. This rule admits of no exceptions.

The Shorthorn.

Sir,—In your editorial of December 15th, entitled "An Excellent Move," you make the following statement:

"The Shorthorn, or what used at one time to be called the Durham breed (of cattle) has been developed along two lines for many years. The roans are for beef only, their yield of milk being relatively small. The reds are excellent beef cattle, but they are also good milkers."

This is a mistaken idea often held even by practical farmers. Shorthorn, or Durham cattle, whether they be for beef purposes alone, or for the production of milk as well as beef, are Reds, Whites and Roans; the color roan being the result of a blend between red and white. The color is not a distinguishing mark between the two types of beef and dairy Shorthorns. The difference lies mostly in the strain. Thus, a herd of beef Shorthorns may be transformed in a few years into a dairy Shorthorn herd by breeding and selection. The breed is very variable in characteristics (as the accompanying pictures will show), hence the mistake which you and many others have made.

Dual-purpose, or dairy Shorthorns, are scarce on this continent, most of the cattle of this breed being of the beef type and strain. Such, I believe, is the herd recently established by the enterprise of Mr. Griffith Hughes at Cobble Hill. At a time like this, when the growing scarcity of beef is making itself felt all over the country, beef cattle are a good investment, where land is not too dear.

I enclose herewith an article on dual-purpose, or dairy Shorthorns, written by myself sometime ago, for distribution by the American Shorthorn Breeders' Association, and in which you may be interested.

S. H. HOPKINS,
Assistant Live Stock Commissioner.
Victoria, B.C., 17 December, 1915.

(We have already explained the paragraph referred to.—Ed Colonist.)

Preparatory Drill.

Sir,—The Cowichan Leader, in its last issue, states that two battalions could be raised in Victoria out of the young men who should, but have not enlisted. If so, Vancouver could raise some ten battalions judging from the number of men apparently idle on its streets. It is stated that in the three Prairie Provinces the smaller towns have been asked to contribute twenty-five men each; so far only six or seven on an average have enlisted from these points, although there are, of course, exceptions. My letter on this subject, some weeks ago, published by The Colonist, brought forth no comment, consequently I again urge that steps ought to be taken to enforce the Militia Act, giving these young unemployed men the drill they so badly need. It is forgotten by many people that before a battalion is fit for the front, it requires many trained men, such as men for the machine-gun section and signallers, etc., all these men take months to properly train. It has been estimated that had Canada as a whole enlisted in the same proportion as this district of Cowichan, considerably over a million men could now be at the front from Canada. Married men are enlisting, owing largely to the fact that the single men are not coming forward. This means a great expense to Canada.

SEYMOUR GREENE.
Duncan, B.C., 17 December, 1915.

Lights in Jitneys

Sir,—I wish space in your valuable paper to thank you for pointing out the necessity of having lights inside the jitney cars. I think the general public will agree with you. A member of my family had an unpleasant experience the other night in a jitney which will shows how important it is that the reform you mention should be brought about. She got into a jitney which soon became loaded with men, one of whom took advantage of the darkness and the fact that she was alone to attempt familiarities. Of course, she got out at the earliest opportunity and took a street car home, and when I read your remarks about the necessity of having lights in jitneys I thought I would tell you what our own experience has been. The authorities should certainly look after the matter.

THOMAS SOMMERVILLE.
Oak Bay Post Office, December 18, 1915.

Civic Elections

Sir,—With due respect to yourself and other gentlemen who advocate the return of the Council without the expense of an election, allow me to point out that the expense of an election cannot be averted. The voters' list has to be prepared, the returning officer must be appointed and paid, the advertising must be done, therefore the only saving would be a day's pay for the few people who handle the ballots.

In my opinion an election is most essential. If the present Council is afraid to prune the departments at the City Hall men, should be placed there who will use the knife without fear or favor. To save the situation drastic measures must be employed. The burden upon the ratepayers is becoming unbearable and many will loose their homes unless relief comes quickly. We cannot wait another year just to see how matters will be then. The reductions recommended by the Council for 1916 are far from adequate, and I consider that without imparing efficiency the reductions can be almost doubled; in fact, it must be done.

By all means have an election and place in power men who will pledge themselves to strict business economy; men who will handle the city affairs for the benefit of the ratepayers.

H. H. JONES.
1006 Government Street, Victoria, B. C., December 20, 1915.

An Old, Family Cough Remedy, Home-Made

Easily Prepared—Costs Very Little, but is Prompt, Sure and Effective

By making this old-time cough syrup at home you not only save about $2, as compared with the ready-made kind, but you will also have a much more prompt and positive remedy in every way. It overcomes the usual coughs, throat and chest colds in 24 hours—relieves even whooping cough quickly—and is excellent, too, for bronchitis, bronchial asthma, hoarseness and spasmodic croup.

Get from any drug store 2½ ounces of Pinex (50 cents worth), pour it into a 16-ounce bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. Full directions with Pinex. Keeps perfectly and tastes good.

You can feel this take hold of a cough or cold in a way that means business. It quickly loosens the dry, hoarse or painful cough, and also heals the inflamed membranes. It also has a remarkable effect in overcoming the persistent loose cough by stopping the formation of phlegm in the throat and bronchial tubes.

The effect of pine on the membranes is known by almost every one. Pinex is a most valuable concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, combined with guaiacol and other natural healing pine elements.

There are many worthless imitations of this famous mixture. To avoid disappointment, ask your druggist for "2½ ounces of Pinex," and do not accept anything else.

A guarantee of absolute satisfaction, or money promptly refunded, goes with this preparation. The Pinex Co., Toronto, Ont.

MATINEE CLUB FUND HAS DONE MUCH GOOD

Contribution Made by Local Organization for Benefit of British Columbia Soldiers Is Filling Real Need.

The profits derived from a series of horse races which were held last Summer at the Willows under the auspices of the Victoria Matinee Club were forwarded to England with instructions that the money was to be used for the benefit of the British Columbia soldiers serving at the front. A letter of an exceptionally interesting character, and strikingly illustrating the great good which the fund has been able to do, has been received by the secretary of the local organization from Mary V. Rogers, of the Ladies' Parcels Office of the Canadian Red Cross. From her general observations and from special incidents which she relates it is apparent that the thoughtfulness of the Matinee Club has been instrumental not only in helping Western soldiers, but has been, in some instances, a literal godsend.

She says, in part:

"Your fund was last August placed in the hands of the lady in charge of the Ladies' Parcels Office for distribution, and I had the good fortune to be assigned to check up and supervise the details of expenditure of the fund. In the work of the Ladies' Parcels Office there are received daily from the 1,500 (and more) hospitals where our wounded are treated in Great Britain, cards giving the name, rank, number, and battalion of each Canadian admitted to hospital on the day of his arrival. To each of such wounded men there is immediately despatched a parcel containing some small comforts, with a note from the office asking if there is anything he wants or anything we can attend to for him, and enclosing a stamped return card for his reply. Many, a great many, of these cards come back with requests for all sorts of trifles; and it does one's heart good to see with what promptness, with what cheerfulness, and with what loving care every such request is attended to by the worker to whom it is assigned. There is never a request sent in which is allowed to be neglected in any way. But sometimes requests come in for articles or services which the regulations may not allow to be supplied by the funds of the Red Cross direct, and it is in such instances that special funds, such as that furnished by the Victoria Matinee Club, come in particularly useful. If, for instance, such a request comes in from a B. C. man, it is immediately referred to the 'Victoria Matinee Club Fund,' to see whether they can fill in the gap; and, I am glad to say, it is but seldom that such fund has not been able to rise nobly to the occasion. In this way there is an avoidance of 'overlapping' in the work which otherwise might so easily occur in an organization so extensive as the Canadian Red Cross. To



CPL. WYLLIE KENNING

Member of the Canadian Engineers, who was gassed at Ypres and has returned to Victoria. He is a nephew of Dr. A. W. Kenning

give you one or two instances of special cases which this fund has been able to take care of:

Soldiers' Gratitude

"The hospitals do not supply fruit for the patients. Cases have occurred where soldiers from B. C., desperately wounded, have expressed a longing for "just a little fruit!" Fruit is by no means an inexpensive item in England, but your fund has enabled the longings of not a few of the B. C. wounded to be gratified. And grateful indeed they always are for it.

"Many of the convalescents, if they have been for weeks in bed, and particularly where they need the chance of wandering about in the hospital gardens to help along their convalescence, find that the boots supplied to them are too heavy and hard on their feet at first, and from these there sometimes come requests for a pair of light, soft shoes in which they may get out of doors. More than once your fund has supplied to B. C. men at this stage a pair of soft, easy though inexpensive boots. One instance I recall in particular, where we sent to a man who had been laid up for a very long time a pair of light, soft boots with red rubber soles. His card of thanks was most jubilant. And a few days later an official visitor from his hospital called in at the office and related how she had come into the ward, to find this man seated on the side of his bed, his feet stretched out in front of him shod in the new boots, a blissful expression beaming from his countenance as he gazed at them, and every other man in that ward expressing the wish that he himself were from B. C. so that he might get similar footwear.

"In another case a Victoria man, who, it was feared, might have to undergo an amputation, and had also been terribly wounded in the back by shrapnel, was obliged to lie for many weeks on his face, and would slip down gradually from the regular hospital pillow until his face would be buried in the bedclothes. An official visitor to his hospital asked us on his account for a small pillow of a particular shape, with good linen cases, and also for a few "bobbie handkerchiefs." They were only small items. But the comfort afforded and the gratitude expressed by this chap when they were promptly forthcoming would have made glad the heart of every member of your club to have had a part in affording him this relief. He, by the way, is a man well known and admired by all lovers of cricket in B. C.

"Crutches are not infrequently asked for. Most of the hospitals can supply only a "T" shaped crutch without handles, and if there is, as there often must be, a delay in the fitting of an artificial leg or the obtaining of fitted crutches, our office tries to fill in the gap. In some special cases your fund has come to the assistance of wounded B. C. men in this respect.

May Have Saved Life

"One more special instance I must mention where your fund proved to be a veritable blessing. One of the Victoria boys, after a long spell in hospital, was being sent back to Canada. The regulations provide only third-class accommodation on steamers for private soldiers returning. This boy's visitor called on our head and explained that both she and his nurse were convinced that if their patient went third-class across the Atlantic it inevitably meant aggravating the trouble which was threatening—incipient tuberculosis—but that if he could by any possibility go first-class it would give him a chance of escaping; the freedom to walk on deck in the sea breezes and to be surrounded for that week with every comfort, with good food, would probably save his life as nothing else might. Our head promptly turned to the 'Victoria Matinee Club fund." £5 from that fund promptly went forward by wire through the C. P. R. offices here to their Liverpool office, in time to catch the steamer and enable the transfer from third to first class to be made. A copy of the letter that came back from Canada on his arrival you will find amongst the enclosures I mention presently. It speaks for itself. Had you not made your fund available for such special cases that assistance could not have been given, and we believe a life would have been endangered. There was not either time or opportunity to let the soldier know that it was funds from Victoria which came to the rescue at the last moment, and all that he knew at the time was that he was transferred through the medium of the Ladies' Parcel Office. But it was Victoria funds, and I am satisfied that in that instance you helped to save a life, just as in scores of others you have helped to ease pain or to lend a ray of brightness to the sick beds of our wounded B. C. men.

"Apart from these special cases we try in the case of each B. C. man who arrives in hospital to let him have some special little 'comfort' from the Victoria Matinee Club, quite distinct from and in addition to the regular Red Cross gifts. Experience has taught us (and we have yet to find a wounded man who does not agree) that the most timely form of 'comfort' to a man newly arrived in hospital here is a little loose 'change.' They arrive usually without a cent in their pockets, often even without pockets—often without their clothing or kit. In the Military Hospitals a rule has been adopted that wounded men may not draw pay while in hospital. You may imagine how awkward such a rule makes it for a man—not a cent in hand wherewith to buy stamps or any small knick-knack which he may absolutely need. A little loose 'change' suddenly appearing unexpectedly is to him a blessing, by no means in disguise. Accordingly, when a card of a B. C. man reaches the Parcels Office, it is entered up in the regular way, his parcel and letter go to him at once, as to each other wounded man, and the card is then passed on to your fund for attention. Unless the case is noted as very 'special,' i. e., requiring some particular 'comfort' or some particular expenditure, the practise we have adopted is to write him an individual card worded generally as follows:

"The Victoria Matinee Club of Victoria, B. C., sent us a sum of money to be used in comforts for wounded men from B. C. We hoped the enclosed would fill some need for you.

"Trusting that you will soon be better, and that you will let us know if we can be of any service to you?"

"Yours very sincerely,

"The Ladies' Parcels Office."

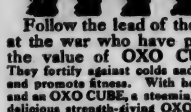
"The 'enclosed' is a Postal Order for four shillings. In a few cases where the official visitor reports to us some special need that a man has, this amount has been increased a little. But from the enclosures this form of "comfort hits the mark."

"All parts of Canada have done wonderful work for the Red Cross objects, but many are the comforts which I have had the pleasure of hearing regarding the stupendous amount of such work which Victoria has done and is doing. It makes me very proud to be a Victorian when I hear people on this side talking of our city and its work. And it made me very happy to have been able in a small way to help along at this end the good work of the Victoria Matinee Club. And because of the pleasure which this has given me, I felt sure that your members would be glad of some unofficial account from a Victorian as to the results which are being obtained through the generosity of your club.

"With best of wishes for the continued success of your club."

Soldiers Sent to Prison

CHATHAM, Ont., Dec. 20.—Ptes. W. Bevan and Frank Walker, of the 59th Essex Overseas Battalion, were yesterday given a year each in the central prison, for assaulting Cpl. Neary, of the 71st Battalion, Military Police, on Saturday night. Cpl. Neary was badly beaten up, and was unable to appear at the trial.



Follow the lead of the men at the war who have proved the value of OXO CUBES. They fortify against colds and chills, and promote fitness. With hot water and an OXO CUBE, a steaming cup of delicious strength-giving OXO can be made in a moment.

From one of the Expeditionary Force.

"OXO CUBES are so easy to make, and so strengthening. One cold night my chum and I got two bricks, some dry straw and twigs, and soon we had a lovely canteen full of OXO. Is gave us fresh vigour to proceed with our strenuous work."

Tins of 4, 10, 50 and 100 Cubes.

OXO CUBES

MORE RESTRICTIONS IN USE OF LIQUORS

No Alcoholic Drinks Permitted in Officers' Messes or Men's Canteens—Last Week's District Orders.

Notice is given in the last district orders of new regulations respecting the use of "spirituous or alcoholic liquor" by officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the various overseas and permanent militia forces of Canada. It is stated that nothing of the kind shall be brought into, sold or drunk in any mess whatever of officers, non-commissioned officers or men's canteens of any unit of the permanent force, active militia, or Canadian expeditionary force serving in Canada, nor shall any such liquors be brought into, sold or drunk at any militia entertainment given elsewhere than in a mess or canteen.

The complete orders follow:

Administrative Staff

Armorers, C.E.F., Battalions, course of instruction—A course of instruction for regimental armorers, C.E.F., Battalions will commence at Quebec on January 6 next.

Only those who have qualified at a preliminary course at the Ordnance Depot can be sent for the final course.

Officers commanding overseas units will submit, at once, to the D.S.A., M.D. No. 11, the name and rank of their armorer and state if qualified at preliminary course.

A. D. of S. and T., M. D. No. 11—Lieut. A. Malins, No. 19 Co., C.A.S.C., assumed the duties of Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport, M.D. No. 11, on the 4th inst.

Board of Officers—A board of officers, composed as under, will assemble at the barrack stores, Work Point, at 10 a.m. on Friday, 17th inst., in accordance with Paragraph 345, Regulation Supply, Transport and Barrack Services, for the purpose of inspecting such articles as may be brought before them: President, D.C. of O. and Hon. Captain A. Bray, C.O.C. Members: Captain B. McAlpine, C.M.; Lieut. H. H. D. Hemmell, 88th Regiment.

Men on Home Service—Discontinuance Patriotic Fund payments. It is notified that, owing to the very heavy demands on the Canadian Patriotic Fund, payments will no longer be made to families of men on active home service. Officers commanding units, which furnish permanent guards or other detachments on active home service are to notify any man who, owing to such discontinuance of payments by Patriotic Funds to their families, are anxious to return to civilian life or are willing to enlist for overseas service that they can be released from their present service.

Liquor:Messes and Canteens — The text of Militia Order, No. 533, dated 6th inst., is published for information and compliance: "No spirituous or alcoholic liquor is to be brought into, sold or drunk in any mess, whether of officers or non-commissioned officers, or mens canteens of any unit of the permanent force, active militia, or Canadian expeditionary force, serving in Canada, nor shall any such liquors be brought into, sold or drunk at any military entertainment, given elsewhere than in a mess or canteen."

Allotment of Quarters, Buildings, etc.—It is notified, for general information, that all changes in allotment of quarters, alterations to buildings and construction of new buildings will be carried out under the supervision of the commanding Royal Canadian Engineer, M.D. No. 11, and no work of this nature is to be done unless authorised by that officer.

Electric Lighting: Unauthorised Changes in Wiring.—It is notified, for general information, that no change or alteration is to be made in the electric wiring or fixtures in camps or buildings occupied by the troops without authority first being obtained from the office of the Commanding Royal Canadian Engineer, M.D. No. 11.

Christmas Allowance—An extra 25c has been authorized for the 25th December for all ranks of permanent force, active militia and C.E.F. units in receipt of rations or allowance in lieu. The extra amount will be credited in the pay list, to be expended by the officers commanding units as thought best

Some Appointments

Appointments, Promotions and Retirements—The following extracts from advance copy of General Order No. 134 of 1915 are published for information:

Cavalry—30th Regiment (B. C. Horse): Provisional Lieutenant N. H. Heber-Percy is permitted to retire, October 26, 1915.

Canadian Garrison Artillery—5th (B. C.) Regiment: To be provisional lieutenants (supernumerary): George Griffiths Aitken, gentleman, October 12, 1915.

Infantry—6th Regiment (D.C.O.R.): To be provisional lieutenants (supernumerary): Edwin Walters Templeton, George Graham Palmer, Malcolm Kenneth Whyte, Randall Kerr McCarthy, John Montague Burgoyne, Rupert Austin Orme, Roy Carmen Gillespie, Alan Geoffrey White, Stuart Hugh Gilmour, John Dugald McMurray, Horace Gordon Stone, Walter Fitzmaurice de Viginer Bealey, John McLennan, Edgar Archibald Jamieson and Eliot Alexander Haswell, gentlemen, October 25, 1915.

72nd Regiment (S. H. of C.): To be provisional lieutenants (supernumerary): William Douglas Butler, gentleman, October 10, 1915; Ian Vernon Coote, gentleman, October 11, 1915; Herbert George Wright, gentleman, October 12, 1915; John Buchan Rose, gentleman, October 13, 1915; Hector McLean Elliott, gentleman, October 14, 1915; Ghent Davis, gentleman, October 15, 1915; Roy Thomas Stewart, gentleman, October 16, 1915; James Ogston Beattie, gentleman, October 17, 1915; Donald George Munro Fraser, gentleman, October 18, 1915; Sidney Leonard Johnson, gentleman, October 20, 1915; Charles Meldrum Inglis, gentleman, October 20, 1915; Alfred Walter Alexander Ulph, gentleman, October 21, 1915; Finlay Telford McGibbon, gentleman, October 22, 1915; Harold Brooks, gentleman, October 23, 1915; Donald Murray Meekison, gentleman, October 24, 1915.

104th Regiment (W. F. of C.): To be provisional lieutenants (supernumerary): Charles Russell Quilty, gentlemen, October 15, 1915.

107th (East Kootenay) Regiment: To be lieutenants (supernumerary): Robert Bruce Macleod Cameron, gentleman, September 30, 1915; Edward Otway Davis, gentleman, October 1, 1915.

Independent Company of Infantry, Nanaimo, B. C.: To be provisional lieutenant (supernumerary): Aubrey Thomas Sanders, gentleman, October 21, 1915.

The undermentioned officer is granted the temporary rank of lieutenant-colonel: Major H. T. Wilson, 31st Regiment B. C. Horse, whilst performing the duties of Officer Commanding Regiment, October 18, 1915.

Continuation of Rank

The undermentioned provisionally appointed officers having qualified themselves for their appointments are confirmed in their rank from the dates set opposite their respective names:

Lieutenant E. J. W. Ryan, 11th Regiment, September 11, 1915; Lieutenant W. G. Stickney, 11th Regiment, September 11, 1915; Lieutenant H. T. M. Love, 11th Regiment, September 11, 1915; Lieutenant (supernumerary) R. O. Clarke, 11the Regiment, November 10, 1914; Lieutenant (supernumerary) A. K. Robertson, 72nd Regiment, June 1, 1915; Lieutenant (supernumerary) J. Forbes, 104th Regiment, June 4, 1915; Lieutenant (supernumerary) J. Quinlan, 102nd Regiment, June 17, 1915; Lieutenant (supernumerary) R. S. Ross, 104th Regiment, June 26, 1915; Lieutenant (supernumerary) W. L. Grundy, 72nd Regiment, July 1, 1915; Lieutenant (supernumerary) A. M. Brown, 11th Regiment, July 2, 1915; Lieutenant (supernumerary) G. S. Harralson, 6th Regiment, July 10, 1915; Lieutenant (supernumerary) W. H. Wallace, 102nd Regiment, July 12, 1915; Lieutenant (supernumerary) C. E. Bailey, 104th Regiment, July 15, 1915; Lieutenant (supernumerary) Richardson, 104th Regiment, July 22, 1915; Lieutenants (supernumerary) J. L. G. Abbott, J. H. Roaf, T. G. Bird, G. B. Duncan, C. B. Garland, C. H. D. Robertson, R. D. Williams, J. G. Hay, A. N. Wilmot, G. P. Farr, J. D. Bell, P. D. I. Honeyman, T. D. Brown, H. E. McLeish, E. H. Leslie, 6th Regiment, July 30, 1915; Lieutenants (supernumerary) T. St. E. de Wolf, I. A. Mackenzie, F. M. Dann, A. C. Lumsden, E. J. H. Cardinall, R. A. Simmons, H. Rendell, G. J. Thomson, E. C. Sheppard, 72nd Regiment, August 1, 1915; Lieutenant (supernumerary) J. Ross, 72nd Regiment, August 4, 1915.

Attached—No. 90, Sergeant W. C. M. Grant, C.A.D.C., will be attached to the 103rd Overseas Battalion, C.E.F., for rations and quarters from a date to be arranged between O.C. 103rd Battalion and officer, dental services, M.D., No. 11.

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New Drill Hall, Victoria, B. C., December 16, 1915.

From O. C. 103rd Battalion, C. E. F., Victoria, B. C.

To A. C. Burdick, Esq., chairman, campaign committee, Victoria Patriotic Aid Society, Victoria.

Dear Sir,—I understand that you propose to hold a tag day in Victoria on Tuesday next, the 21st inst. I sincerely trust that the result of your efforts on that day will be a considerable increase to your funds. I can assure you that your society has been a considerable help to recruiting in this district, as many men are enlisting, knowing that their dependents will be looked after by your society. Wishing you every success on Tuesday next, I am,

Yours very sincerely

E. C. J. L. HENNIKER, Lieut.-Col.
O. C. 103rd Battalion, C. E. F.

67th Battalion Western Scots of Canada, C. E. F. Regimental headquarters, Willows Camp, Victoria, B. C., December 13, 1915.

Mr. A. C. Burdick, chairman campaign committee, Victoria Patriotic Aid Society, Victoria, B. C.

Dear Mr. Burdick,—As one who has been in touch with the men on the firing line, I wish to say how much they appreciate the good work that has been done for their wives and dependents by the Patriotic Aid Society. The assurance that, should anything happen to them, those depending upon them will be looked after, gives them that confidence and courage which is so necessary to face the dangers and difficulties of trench warfare.

Any time that the Western Scots can be of any assistance to you in any way whatsoever, I can assure you that each and every one of us is willing to render any service possible. We feel that you are doing a splendid and practical work for the soldiers in caring for the dependents at home, to whom their thoughts so often turn when fighting in the far-off battle-line.

Sincerely yours

LORNE ROSS, Lieut.-Col.

Officers' Mess, 88th Fusiliers, C. E. F., Willows Camp, December 17, 1915.

A. C. Burdick, Esq., chairman campaign committee, Victoria Patriotic Aid Society.

Dear Mr. Burdick,—I desire, on behalf of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 88th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers, to tender thanks to all those ladies and gentlemen who have so devotedly given time and energy to forward the work of the Victoria Patriotic Aid Society.

In these days, when so much is expected and so much more is taken for granted, it may be well that suitable recognition is either delayed to the end of the war or overlooked.

I shall be much obliged, therefore, if you personally would be kind enough to express to the various committees the entire appreciation of all ranks of the Victoria Fusiliers. The unfailing zeal of those responsible for the upkeep and control of your organisation is an inspiration to all of us, and to the fact that such a fund is in existence must undoubtedly be ascribed much of the success of this Dominion in placing upwards of 200,000 soldiers in the field up to the present.

The number of married men in this regiment has been very small until quite recently, but as the supply of single men, able or willing to join the colors without compulsion, is getting steadily smaller, it follows that the proportionate number of married men will be much higher in the future.

This means more funds and more work for your committees, but which I personally feel that they are showing themselves quite able to handle in a very splendid way. Believe me,

Yours sincerely

H. J. ROUS CULLIN, Lieut.-Col.
Commanding Victoria Fusiliers

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JUST One Big Family—Join us; $1.10 a day and all found. If you're married your wife receives $20 monthly from the Government and something extra for each child, apart from what you give her; 88th Fusiliers, corner Yates and Douglas, or Willows Camp.

MAGNET Auction Rooms—Furniture selling daily, war panic prices. Note address: Magnet Auction Rooms, 944 Fort, near Vancouver.

MALLEABLE steel ranges, $1 down and $1 per week. 2001 Government Street.

MARINE engines, 20 sizes, 7 H. P., distillate; $150 landed at Vancouver. Send for catalogue and other prices. Guarantee Motor Co., Hamilton, Canada.

MILLWOOD — $2.50 double load; cord wood, stove lengths, $4.50. White labor. Phone 3303R.

PIANO, "Bell," in first class condition; will sell reasonable. 617 Cornwall St. (5 to 6:30 p.m.).

SOMEBODY would appreciate this gift—Kirkham's scrip (same as glove scrip) issued to any amount and redeemable by us in merchandise at any time. Kirkham's Cash Store.

SOUTHALL for stoves and ranges; next Dominion Theatre, Yates Street; exchanges made, coils made and connected; old stoves bought. Phone 4239R.

THINK of Miss Cavell, the Lusitania and the Ancona; then stop thinking and join the 88th. Corner Yates and Douglas or Willows Camp.

THIS Player-Piano cost a $1,000 when new; our price for quick sale, $450; in splendid condition; handsome case; fine tone and action terms, $10 monthly. Gideon Hicks Piano Co.; opposite Post Office.

$5.00 FLEETFOOT Skates and boots, size 3, worn once. 5423L.

$14.50—Men's and women's suits made to order. C. Hope, 1434 Government Street. Phone 2689.

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS

A CHANCE—Cash paid for ladies' and gents' cast-off clothing and shoes. M. Stern, 600 Yates Street. Phone 4816.

A CHANCE to get cash for old gold and any old jewelry, watches and diamonds. M. Stern, 600 Yates Street. Phone 4816.

ATTENTION—Highest prices paid for old clothing, shoes, etc. Phone 2198. 1824 Government Street.

BEST prices paid for discarded clothes, shoes, etc. 542 Johnson Street. Phone 4438L. We call at any address.

BICYCLES—Best price given. 944 Fort.

BILLIARD table wanted to hire or purchase, full-sized English table complete. Write full particulars in first reply to Box 456, Colonist.

FURNITURE wanted—Spot cash paid. 944 Fort. Phone 3114.

MILK round wanted. Box 420, Colonist.

MILK Wanted—5 to 10 gallons daily. Box 548 Colonist.

PATRIOTIC Aid Society want eighty empty cigar boxes, fifties; send to 1210 Broad Street.

PIANO Wanted—Must be cheap for cash; give make and price. Box 496 Colonist.

RAGS—All sorts rags wanted. Alaska Junk Co., 1421 Store Street; corner Cormorant; phone 3702.

RAILROAD ticket to Winnipeg or Minneapolis. Box 556, Colonist.

RUBBER—Junk rubber wanted. Alaska Junk Co., 1421 Store Street; corner Cormorant; phone 3702.

TOOLS—Second-hand, of all descriptions wanted. Alaska Junk Co., 1421 Store Street; corner Cormorant; phoe 3702.

WANTED—Bosch magneto, four cylinder. Box 4288 Colonist.

WANTED—Boy's bicycle; 16 to 18-inch frame. Box 479 Colonist.

WANTED—Boys' suit clothes, age 13; boys' boots, size 5. Box 527, Colonist.

WANTED—Cascara Bark, 1915 peel, unlimited quantities. J. Howshall & Co., 408 Sayward Building, Victoria, B.C.

WANTED cheap, baby crib. Box 427, Colonist.

WANTED—Large fireproof safe; must be cheap for cash. Box 473 Colonist.

WANTED—One horse, lumber wagon, two inch tyre; must be in good shape, for cash. Apply H. Brazier, Royal Oak.

WANTED—Second-hand gasoline engine; 6 to 8 horse-power. Send particulars to P. O. Box 1515, Victoria, B. C.

WANTED to buy, a large bunch white Aigrettes; must be a bargain. Box 541 Colonist.

TO RENT—MISCELLANEOUS

FREE rent, free meals and a free passage to Europe and back, and a chance to do your bit for your country's cause. Join the 88th family today. Corner Yates and Douglas or Willows Camp.

SADDLE Horse—Standard bred, quiet, for rent for half day Saturdays or Sundays, $5 per month; or will sell for $150 cash, with option to repurchase within six months at same price; horse can be seen at 400 Chester Street, corner of Fairfield Road. Phone 5215R.

TO Rent—Small store, 1703 Cook Street, suitable for barber, shoe, clothes cleaning, or repairing store, also one room store next door; rent very low to right party. 1054 Fisgard Street.

WANTED TO RENT—MISCEL.

WANTED to Rent at Once—A garage for Auto, close to new Drill Hall, Bay Street. Box 22, Colonist.

WANTED to Rent—Barn inside city, to hold 4 or more horses. Box 524, Colonist.

ROOM AND BOARD

ABERDEEN—941 McClure; new, modern, private hotel; central; visitors from the Prairies will find every comfort and moderate rate; established 12 years; phone 1018.

AT 813 Cook Street, room with board, also table board by day or week. Phone 1068.

COMFORTABLE room and board; reasonable; close in, furnace heat; 615 Vancouver Street. Phone 3830X.

GENTLEMAN (or two to share) comfortable room in apartment house, as paying guests; close to car line. Address Box 441 Colonist. Phone 3116.

GOOD home for one or two paying guests, or boarders; opposite new Drill Hall; 756 Bay Street.

REFINED Home—$5.50 weekly. Phone 1078L.

ST. Ives Boarding House, 819 Fort Street. Well furnished, steam-heated; hot and cold water in every room; 3 meals, $1 per day; rooms, $3 week; meals, 25c. Home cooking.

WANTED—ROOM AND BOARD

LADY—Would like heated room and board for two weeks; state terms. Box 475 Colonist.

FURNISHED ROOMS

DUNSMUIR Rooms, 730½ Fort, under new management; hot and cold water; telephone in each room. Mrs. Marr, Manager.

OSBORNE Court, 817 Maclure Street, Phone 2273. Newly furnished comfortable bedrooms with or without private bath. Building heated with hot water system. Hot and cold running water in every room.

WELL furnished rooms, telephone, strictly modern. 1020 Yates Street.

WANTED—FURNISHED ROOMS

WANTED—Room where child of 3 can be cared for through the day. Box 551 Colonist.

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS

COMFORTABLE housekeeping room in private house; furnace heated, phone and every convenience; seven minutes from Post Office, $6. Phone 2486, or evenings, 4007L.

FURNISHED housekeeping rooms and cabins; with all conveniences; at 1036 Hillside Avenue.

HOUSEKEEPING and bedrooms, from $4 month up. Bath and phone. 734 Humboldt Street.

HOUSEKEEPING rooms, two front furnished; every convenience. Mrs. Simpson, 811 Superior; phone 3964L.

HOUSEKEEPING rooms, $6 up; 1176 Fort Street; phone 4097L.

TO Let—Two nicely furnished housekeeping rooms; close to Willows. Apply 2287 Olympia Avenue.

3 HOUSEKEEPING rooms, sitting-room, bedroom and kitchen, $13. Apply 1504 Fernwood Road.

WANTED—HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS

WANTED—Furnished housekeeping suite; or small cottage, Esquimalt District; suitable for lady and 2 small children; rent must be reasonable. Mrs. H. Wells, 1025 Queen's Avenue.

FOR RENT—HOUSES

FOR Rent—Ten-roomed modern dwelling near High School, partially furnished. Phone 3881R.

SIX-ROOMED house. Phone 5105L.

TO Let—Nice bungalow; central; save car fare; 1051 Yates; vacant 18th. Phone 1314Y.

TO Rent—Seven-roomed house, $8 per month, including water; 2339 Thistle Street, Willows.

7-ROOM house, furnace, 2321 Shelburne, $10 monthly. Campbell Bros., 1007 Government.

WANTED TO RENT—HOUSES

ABOUT a four-roomed furnished cottage. Box 562.

WANTED—Four or five-room house, with stable, reasonable rent. Apply Box 566, Colonist.

WANTED to Rent—Small cottage or bungalow, with garage; references; (no children). Box 519 Colonist.

PERSONAL

TO Whom It May Concern—Mr. Hinksman hasn't owned the launch U and I for the past three months, nor has he lived on it during that time, as stated.—Jas. Davey.

FURNISHED HOUSES TO LET

COMFORTABLE furnished shack, on Gorge Road; suit two; light and water paid; rent, $4.50 per month. Address P. O. Box 814.

EXCEPTIONALLY well furnished modern bungalow. Apply 910 Fairfield Road.

FOR Rent—Four-room cottage, 615 Belleville Street.

FURNISHED bungalow; 4 rooms; close to Willows. Phone 1566.

FULLY modern house, 7 rooms; Fairfield, near sea and car. Box 600 Colonist.

FURNISHED house to let. Apply 31 South Turner Street.

TO Rent Furnished—Comfortable Saanich home and 4 acres, $25.00. A. S. Barton, 215 Central Building.

TO Rent — Nicely furnished five-room house with furnace, at 2643 Forbes Street; suitably located for soldier's family. Apply A. M. Fraser, phones 5492R or 2032.

5-ROOM bungalow, modern conveniences, piano, furnace heat and paved street, half block Outer Wharf car, $25.00. 139 Ontario Street.

WANT TO RENT—FURNISHED HOUSES

WANTED—Completely furnished 3 or 4-roomed cottage. Box 519, Colonist.

FLATS OR APARTMENTS

A COMFORTABLY furnished two-roomed suite will be available on the 22nd inst. Savoy Mansions.

A FEW unfurnished suites still available. Savoy Mansions.

AT Mount Edwards, Vancouver Street, furnished and unfurnished suites, large rooms; close in; car fares saved.

BETTER see the Belwil Apartments; they are warm, furnished, newly decorated; lots of hot water; 2914 Douglas.

FURNISHED Apartments, Beacon Hill Park; modern, reasonable. Phone R2866

FURNISHED Flat; four rooms; rent, $12 per month; 960 Heywood Avenue.

MORRISON Mansions, corner Hilda and Chester, Fairfield; large furnished suite.

MOUNTVIEW Apartments, Fairfield. Rents reduced. 3-room suites, bath, pantry, furnished $9, unfurnished $5. Campbell Bros., 1007 Government St.

SUITE of rooms; piano, gas, etc.; phone mornings, 5067R.

THREE-ROOMED furnished flat, 2640 Work Street. Phone 3399L.

TWO flats, one four rooms, other three rooms, with all conveniences. Apply 423 Parry Street, James Bay.

WANT—FLATS OR APARTM'TS

WANTED—Small, furnished suite; with kitchenette, gas, private bath and fireplace; must be conveniently located and reasonable in price. Reply Box 509 Colonist.

WANT TO EXCHANGE

CHOICE clear title city lots for seven to nine-room house, Oak Bay; would assume moderate mortgage. Box 482 Colonist.

DESIRABLE Victoria clear title residence lots for acreage Patricia Bay. Box 483 Colonist.

EXCHANGE—Indefeasible title of Victoria residence of 14 rooms, and one acre of well laid out grounds, inside mile circle; value $15,000; to trade for home of equal value in City of Edmonton. Dunford's, 312 Union Bank.

FOR Rent—Or would exchange for small farm near Victoria, good farm, Cowichan District, 95 acres; 50 cleared, balance slashed; good bungalow and buildings; orchard, 1¾ acres; strawberries, houses for 400 laying hens, never-failing creek; milk route, etc. Particulars Box 502, Colonist.

NINE-room modern house; in Craigdarroch; for smaller house; will accept long term mortgage for balance; and trade at cost. P. O. Box 339.

PLAYER Piano; new; to trade for a good car, or cabin cruiser. Box 546 Colonist.

WANTED—Acreage, Cordova Bay; cleared preferred, in exchange for two adjoining Fairfield lots; clear title. Box 14 Colonist.

WE specialize in exchanging all classes of property; 600 trades to choose from. Campbell Bros., 1007 Government Street.

WHAT Offers? Exchange for Victoria clear title property: 10-acre fruit ranch at Benton City, Arrow Lakes; five acres cleared and fenced, 400 apple trees, 2,000 small fruits, also house and three lots! quick exchange; owner going to front. Apply A. H., 615 Elliott Street.

AUTOMOBILES

AUTOMOBILES for Sale—Ford Model T, good running order, $150; 1913 Chalmers, Bosch magneto, two new tires, owner must sell, price $250; 1912 Ford, 1913 Ford, 1912 McLaughlin, $275; Ford truck. Cameron, 521 Superior Street, behind Parliament Buildings. Phone 1074.

FORD Roadster in perfect order, $225; Studebaker 1913, electric lights, etc., $375; Buick 4-passenger, $150; Overland 1913, $490, all new tires; Tudhope, 5-passenger, 1914 model, electric lights, etc., $550; Stoddart 38, $1,000; Stutz, $1,000; also Paige, Saxon and Stutz cars on easy terms. E. J. Cameron, 1012 Yates Street.

FOR Sale—Ford roadster in perfect shape, $200. Cameron, 621 Superior Street.

FOR Sale—Will sell my 5-passenger Studebaker for $375; electric lights; spare rim and tire; in good condition. Phone 3703 or 2487 Florence Street.

FOR Sale—1913 Ford, perfect condition, $250. Phone 4230L.

SEVEN-Passenger Automobile; cost $3550; to trade for cabin cruiser. Phone 5045. E. J. Cameron, 1012 Yates Street.

WANTED to Exchange—5-passenger Hudson Auto, in good running order. What offers? Box 47, Colonist.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Between Brown Bros., florist, View Street, and Strathcona Hotel, ladies' fancy gold tipped yellow amber hairpin. Reward. Box 528, Colonist.

LOST—Black spaniel, with white feet, answers to name of Jack; reward; 1048 Pembroke Street.

LOST—Japanese bill case Monday on Yates Street. Reward. Please leave at Colonist Office. Box 561.

LOST—Irish Terrier, answers to Tim. Finder please phone 4349.

LOST—Lady's black leather purse; in leaving Esquimalt car at Fraser Street, about 6 o'clock Saturday evening; $5 reward for return to Clarence Hoard, 356 Armit Road.

LOST—Pair of eyeglasses in case engraved "Noite," Monday afternoon. Please return to this office. Reward.

LOST—Wire-haired fox terrier bitch. Name Galettiey engraved on collar. Phone 3922R.

ON Saturday, between Burdette Avenue causeway, Government and Fort, a gold bar brooch, with three pearls, in raised setting. Finder please phone 1361.

BUSINESS CHANCES

CANADIAN and U. S. patent "Clock Operated Switches." Object is to turn on and put out the light at certain predetermined times; is used in shop show window lighting at night after dark and after shop closed in order to draw the attention of the passers by to the articles displayed in the window. For sale or royalty. Box 224, Colonist.

CONFECTIONERY store and lunch counter for sale cheap. Apply 653 Yates Street; Wilson pool room.

HAVE $100 to $200 to invest, with services. What have you? Box 477 Colonist.

URGENT—Proprietor of grocery and general store, situated in the best residential district of Victoria has decided to enlist for active service and must dispose of same within 10 days. Rent very low, good class customers, no bad debts. Phone 2923.

TEACHERS WANTED

WANTED Immediately—Assistant Master, general subjects. Elementary Latin and French essential. Address Box 554, Colonist.

MONEY TO LOAN

MONEY to Loan—$1,000 at 8 per cent, first mortgage, to responsible party on first class revenue-producing property only. Give full details. Box 552, Colonist.

AGENTS WANTED

AGENTS—"World's Greatest War" going like a whirlwind. Sample book and Christmas Catalogue free on promise to canvass. Experience unnecessary. Make seven dollars daily. Bradley-Garretson, Brantford, Ontario.

POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK

ALL bred to registered ram; for sale, thirty Hampshire Down ewes; price, $8; fifteen ewe lambs, $6. Ian Muir, Sidney, B. C.

BEAUTIFUL singing canaries. 1850 Bay Street.

CANARIES for sale. W. J. Palmer, 1401 Monterey Avenue.

EXCHANGE Persian kittens for canaries; or sell. Box 474 Colonist.

FOR Sale—A fine bull calf; born July; nearly pure Jersey; or would exchange for good hay. Newton, "Langemarck," Quadra Street, near Inverness.

FOR Sale—Boston Bull "Tipperary Tess" (C. K. C. 15,604); prizewinner; age fourteen months; weight seventeen pounds; house trained lady's pet, or would make good stud; robust and handsome. Raymond Castle, 1620 Gladstone Avenue; phone 2738X.

FOR Sale—Canaries, fine singers. Mrs. Brabiner 1350 Hillside Avenue.

FOR Sale—Cute little collie pups; make nice Christmas presents; $2 each. Box 513 Colonist.

FOR Sale—Good family cow; Jersey-Holstein; milking; bred middle July; will make 2 lbs. butter per day when fresh. Apply 384 Colville Road.

FOR Sale—Pomeranian puppies cheap for immediate sale. 2552 Quadra.

FOR Sale—Thoroughbred Airedale dog; also Red Cocker spaniel. Box 610 Colonist.

IF you have any chickens, hens or ducks to sell, phone 4344; highest cash price paid.

JAPANESE Live Pheasants; Soemmering and Versicolor; specially selected, for sale by Alan Owston (Naturalist), Yokohama, Japan.

JUST in time for Xmas—Fox terrier pups; small breed; black and brown markings; beauties. 2914 Douglas Street.

TWO sound horses; fit for farm work; will exchange for one young, fast delivery horse. Phone 1993.

WHITE Wyandottes, pullets and hens for sale, from imported pure-bred stock. D. MacRae, Duncan.

1 PUREBRED Shropshire ram cheap. Thos. Mould, corner Tolmie and Douglas, Maywood P.O.

CROFT & ASHBY

Phone 2999—634 View Street—P. O. Box 900

TIMBER Lands—Over 50,000,000,000 feet in British Columbia, Oregon and Washington.

MINES, farms, pulp propositions.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF B. C.

In the Matter of the Estate of Margaret Eliza McTavish, deceased, late of the City of Victoria.

All persons having claims against the estate of the above named deceased are required to send particulars thereof, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of December, 1915.

Dated November 12, 1915.

E. E. WOOTTON,
Bank of Montreal Chambers, Victoria, B.C., Solicitor for the Executors.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of Albert Tolier, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the above Estate are required to send particulars thereof, duly verified, and all persons indebted to the Estate are required to pay such indebtedness to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of January, 1916.

E. E. WOOTTON,
Bank of Montreal Chambers, Victoria, B.C., Solicitor for the Executrix.

Dated Dec. 10th, 1915.

Synopsis of Coal Mining Regulations

COAL mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined, and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of the Interior.

N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.—58782.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that an Application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session by the Corporation of the City of Victoria for an Act:

1. RE DENMAN STREET WIDENING: Authorizing the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria by By-law to extend, from ten years to twenty-five years, the time for payment of the assessment under By-law No. 1232 of the said Corporation (known as "Local Improvement Authorization By-law No. 409," and relating to the widening of Denman Street in said City; and to repeal By-law No. 1530 of said Corporation (being a By-law to borrow $21,873.03 upon debentures to pay the cost of said widening and imposing a special assessment for payment of the owners' portion of the cost of such widening and interest thereon); and to prepare and make a new special assessment and assessment roll in relation to said widening and pass a new By-law in substitution for said By-law No. 1530 whereby the debentures to be issued for said purpose shall be payable in twenty-five years (instead of ten years) from the time of the issue thereof, and making said special assessment payable in twenty-five (instead of ten) annual instalments accordingly.

2. To validate the following By-laws of the said Corporation:

(a) By-law No. 1133 known as the "North West District Sewer By-law, 1911";

(b) By-law No. 1595, known as the "Additional North West Sewer Expropriation By-law, 1912";

(c) By-law No. 1622, known as the "North West District Sewer By-law, 1911, Amendment By-law, 1912."

3. For such further powers and relief as may be necessary or convenient in connection with any of the above matters.

DATED at the City of Victoria this 4th day of December, A.D. 1915.

R. W. HANNINGTON,
Solicitor for the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

LIQUOR LICENCE ACT.

Notice is hereby given that on the twenty-seventh day of December next, application will be made to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for the grant of a licence for the sale of liquor by wholesale in and upon the premises known as 1310 Wharf Street, situate at Victoria, B. C.

Dated this 19th day of November, 1915.

ESQUIMALT BREWING CO.
Per A. Harvey,
Applicant.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Harbor Quay Line at Victoria, B.C., established by Order in Council of the 15th May, 1914, beyond which line breakwaters, wharfs, piers and similar structures should not be built, has been amended by Order in Council, passed on the 3rd December, 1915, in so far as that portion of the said Harbor Quay Line covering the West side of the Harbor is concerned.

Plans and descriptions in this connection can be seen at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa, and at the office of the District Engineer, Victoria, B.C.

By Order,
R. C. DESROCHERS,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Canada,
Ottawa, December 12, 1915

MEXICAN SECURITIES NOW GET ATTENTION

Prospect of More Settled Conditions Leads to Speculation in Shares of Companies Operating in Republic.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Interest in today's market was transferred from European affairs to Mexican, shares of companies operating in that country, notably American Smelting and Mexican Petroleum, being the most prominent features. Smelting rose 3¼, to 103¼, and Mexican Petroleum rose 3½, to 99¾. The activity of these stocks was naturally ascribed to the withdrawal of the revolutionary forces, and the disintegration of the movement against the de facto Government.

Incidentally, another advance in oil prices by the leading producers accounted for the strength of the oil stocks, Texas Company rising 6½, to 237, with an extensive demand for California petroleum. Other metal shares followed Smelting's lead in smaller degree, and was stocks life Studebaker, Baldwin Locomotive, American Locomotive, Crucible Steel, New York Airbrake, and American Can, were higher by one to three points. General Motors fell 10, to 490, but recovered much of its loss later. United States Steel rose ⅞, to 86¼, but lost much of this advantage in the final hour. Total sales amounted to 410,000 shares.

Foreign exchange reflected the more confident feeling in the foreign situation, marks stiffening perceptably, with general firmness in all remittances. Selling of securities for London continued, but the effect was not noticeable.

The feature of the bond market, which was otherwise rather irregular, was the demand for Anglo French 5's, at quotations ranging between 94⅝, and 95. Total sales, par value, $4,240,000.

WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—A strong bull market, with a wide trade in December and May, closed with an advance of 2⅜c to 2½c. July, quoted for the first time, closed at 117. Exporters were buyers all morning; in fact, they were almost the only buyers, as beyond a little spurt at the opening, the public stayed out. Export soles for the day at the seaboard were reported at 1,250,000 bushels of wheat alone. Cash wheat was dull, and No. 1 without premium.

	Open.	Close.
Wheat—		
Dec.	111⅝	114
May	115	116⅝
July	117	117
Oats—		
Dec.	37	40½
May	42⅝	43⅛
Flax—		
Dec.	186	187
May	192	195

Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 112; 2 Nor., 109½; 3 Nor., 105½.

Oats—2 C. W., 40; 3 C. W., 37; extra 1 feed, 37.

Barley—No. 3, 65.

Flax—1 N. W. C., 187; 2 C. W., 184.

LOCAL MARKETS

Vegetables.		
Beets, lb.		.02½
Brussels Sprouts, lb.		.10
Cabbage, lb.		.03
Carrots, lb.		.02½
Cauliflower, each	.15 and	.20
Celery, Okan., bunch		.05
Celery, local, lb.		.10
Citron, lb.		.02
Cucumbers, H. H., each	.10 and	.20
Egg Plant, lb.		.15
Lettuce, local, head		.05
Lettuce, H.H., 3 bunches		.10
Marrows, lb.		.03
Onions, Green, 3 bunches		.10
Onions, Dry, 13 lbs.		.25
Parsley, bunch		.05
Peppers, lb.	.15 and	.25
Potatoes, Ashcroft, sack		1.00
Potatoes, River, sack		.75
Potatoes, local, sack		.90
Potatoes, Sweet, 6 lbs.		.25
Pumpkin, lb.		.02
Turnips, 15 lbs.		.25
Tomatoes, local, H.H., lb.		.25
Watercress, bunch		.05
Fruit.		
Apples, local, 6 lbs.		.25
Apples, Jonathan No. 1 box	1.50 and	2.00
Apples, box	1.00 to	1.25
Bananas, dozen		.30
Cranberries, Eastern, lb.		.20
Grapes, Tokay, basket		.65
Grapes, Malagra, lb.		.35
Grapes, local, H. H., bskt		.50
Grapefruit, Cal., 2 bskts.		.25
Grapefruit, Cal., lower grade, 3 for		.25
Lemons, Cal., dozen	.25 and	.30
Oranges, Valencia, dozen	.30, 40 and	.50
Melons, Casaba		.25
Sugar.		
B. C. Granulated, 20 lbs.		1.40
B. C. Granulated, 100 lbs.		7.75
Dairy Produce and Eggs.		
Butter—		
Comox, lb.		.40
Cowichan Creamery, lb.		.45
Eastern Creamery, lb.		.35
Northwest Creamery, lb.		.45
Cheese—		
Canadian, lb.		.25
Canadian Stilton, lb.		.30
English Stilton, lb.		.40
Eggs, local, dozen		.65
Fish.		
Bloaters, lb.		.10
Cod, lb.		.10
Cod Fillets, lb.		.15
Finan Haddie, lb.		.15
Halibut, lb.		.12½
Halibut, smoked, lb.		.15
Herring, lb.		.05
Herring, Kippered, lb.		.10
Oysters, Esquimalt, dozen		.50
Salmon, frozen, lb.		.20
Salmon, smoked, lb.	.20 to	.30
Salmon, lb.		.10
Salmon, Spring, lb.		.12½
Salmon, Kippered, lb.		.15
Skate, lb.		.10
Smelts, lb.		[illegible]
Soles, lb.		.10
Whiting, lb.		.10½
Feed.		
Barley, 100 lbs.		1.90
Oats, 100 lbs.		1.80
Barley, ground, 100 lbs.		2.00
Bran, 100 lbs.		1.60
Corn, 100 lbs.		2.10
Corn, cracked, 100 lbs.		2.20
Oats, crushed, 100 lbs.		1.70
Shorts, 100 lbs.		1.60
Wheat, No. 1, 100 lbs.		2.10
Wheat, No. 2, 100 lbs.		2.00
Hay, Alfalfa, ton	22.00 to	24.00
Hay, Timothy, ton	20.00 to	22.00
Straw, bale		.60
Flour.		
B. and K. Bread Flour 49-lb. sack		1.75
Purity, 49-lb. sack		1.75
Five Roses, 49-lb. sack		1.75
Robin Hood, 49-lb. sack		1.75
Royal Household, 49-lb. sack		1.70
Royal Standard, 49-lb. sk		1.70
Gold Seal, 49-lb. sack		1.70
Snowflake, 49-lb. sack		1.75
Wild Rose, 49-lb. sack		1.70
Meats.		
Beef, loin roasts, lb.	.22 to	.30
Beef, boiling, lb.	.10 to	.12½
Mutton, forequarters, lb.		.15
Mutton, hindquarters, lb.	.20 to	.25
Mutton, leg, lb.		.20
Mutton, loin, lb.		.30
Chicken, lb.	.25 to	.30
Veal, lb.	.16 to	.30
Broilers, lb.	.30 to	.35
Fryers, each		.45
Ducks, young, lb.	.25 to	.30
Geese, lb.		.25
Bacon, Canadian Sugar		[illegible]
Pork, shoulders, lb.	.16 to	.18
Pork, Loins, lb.		.25
Pork, Legs, lb.	.18 to	.20
Pork Sausage, pure		.20
Turkeys, cold storage, lb.		.30
Cured, lb.	.25 to	.30
Hams, Canadian Sugar		[illegible]
Cured, lb.	.18 to	.25

Ask anything of me but time: it is the one thing I cannot give.—Napoleon.

HOCKEY PLAYERS REST TILL AFTER HOLIDAYS

Victoria's Next Engagement at Portland—Lester Patrick's Fine Record as Player and Captain.

There will be no professional hockey now until after the Christmas holidays, and the fans will have to curb their impatience for a view of their favorites in action until Tuesday, December 28. On this date the locals visit Portland for their first encounter with the Rosebuds, and the meeting between Lester Patrick's proteges and Pete Muldoon's pets should be a game worth going some distance to see. If the Aristocrats put up the brand of hockey which they exhibited on Friday last against the Vancouver Millionaires, they will in all probability return to the capital with the scalps of the Portland aggregation hanging from their belts. It took them a couple of games to get into their stride, but now that the players have shaken down into their places after being well schooled by Lester Patrick, it will take a good team to beat them.

Patrick has not only shown himself to be a good general and a good coach, but he has also shown that he is also still to be reckoned with as one of the finest players of ice hockey in Canada. He leads the league in the individual scoring records, with a total of nine points, being closely followed by the Victoria recruit Box, who is only one point behind his captain, the next two places on the list being held by Morris and Dunderdale, both of whom were on the Victoria team last year.

Patrick's Fine Record

Lester played his first game of senior hockey in 1904, when he went to play with the Brandon Hockey Club in the Manitoba Hockey League, playing for the Wanderers in the following year. In the finals Ottawa and the Wanderers were tied for first place, and in the play-off at Ottawa it was the spectacular work of Patrick which enabled his team to win the championship.

In 1907 he again came West and captained the Nelson Hockey Club in the Boundary League. Again he was leading a championship organization. In 1908 he and his brother Frank signed contracts to play with the Renfrew club in the National Hockey League. For their season's work they received the largest salaries ever paid to professional hockey players. In 1909 he joined the Edmonton team in their quest for the Stanely cup. In 1910 he again captained the Nelson team to championship honors. In 1911 the Pacific Coast Hockey League was organized, and rinks were built at Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster. Lester took charge of the Victoria line-up and in the four years has succeeded in winning the Coast championship twice.

A Steady Player

Patrick is considered by hockey critics to be one of the headiest players in the game today. He organized the idea of stick-handling the puck up the ice instead of passing it ahead and skating after it. To Patrick credit is given all over the hockey world as the originator of the present-day style. He is a beautiful check and breaks up many a combination rush which has all the earmarks of a goal.

When playing in the East, Patrick played on the forward line, but since coming West, he has directed the operation of his team from the defence.

BILLY WEEKS MAY MEET LES DARCY

SEATTLE, WASH., Dec. 20.—Jack Kearns, one of the old-timers in the sport game, who is well known in Seattle and the Northwest, is planning a visit to the States, arriving about the first of the year. Kearns will take with him his sensational battler, Les Darcy, the boy who has been beating all of the best battlers in Australia of late. Kearns will take in Seattle on his tour, and mentions the possibility of matching Darcy with some good middleweight here.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Dec. 20.—If Les Darcy, the Australian middleweight champion, is sincere in his announcement of several weeks ago, that he would meet Billy Weeks in his first American contest, then he will be accommodated. H. F. E. Jacobs stated that he would challenge Darcy on behalf of Weeks as soon as the Australian set foot in America. Darcy is announced to arrive on January 5 at San Francisco.

Weeks is busy getting himself ready for a number of matches, which he believes will do more towards conditioning him for a championship match than anything he could do. He has three bouts scheduled for this month.

WOLGAST'S TROUBLES

Ex-Lightweight Champion Charged With Breach of Contract and False Pretences

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Charges of breach of contract and obtaining money under false pretenses will be preferred against Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion, at a meeting of the New York State Athletic Commission. Chairman Fred Wenck announced that he would recommend suspension of the pugilist for six months.

Wolgast will be charged with violating his contract with the Harlem Sporting Club, when he boxed on the night of December 14, at Atlanta, as he had agreed not to engage in any bout previous to his appearance here last Friday night. He will also be accused of going on here when he knew he was not in fit physical condition.

ATTEMPT TO DEFINE AMATEUR STATUS

Concerted Effort Will Be Made in New York to Reach Understanding on Important Question

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The concerted effort which will be made in New York City on December 27 by the governing bodies in all branches of sport to reach a mutual understanding relative to the amateur status of competitors is expected by many to be the most important athletic meeting held in the last decade.

Every portion of the country is affected and interested, and any decision that may be arrived at will be far-reaching.

So many-sided is the subject matter in hand that many believe it will be impossible to approach its many angles at one conference and that some kind of a committee will have to be appointed to report later, after every viewpoint has been thoroughly considered.

While the Amateur Athletic Union specifically defines an amateur, its application constantly has been a thorn in the side of athletics, and nothing would be more welcomed than a clearing up of the question and a ruling made that could be made to "stick" when occasion arises to make use of it.

Dates Inconvenient

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 20.—It is very doubtful if Pennsylvania and Cornell will send crews to the races at Poughkeepsie this year on account of the regatta committee failing to select a suitable date. It has been circulated that the regatta committee has been compelled to change the old date, due to the reason of the tide changing. The stewards have given out dates for either June 17 or else July 1. These dates, especially the first, seems to conflict with Cornell and Pennsylvania, because of examinations being held at that time. The later date for Pennsylvania will mean much more expense added to its funds.

STRIKING TRIBUTE TO RUGBY PLAYER

Writer Describes Him as Supreme as Athlete and Keenly Interested in Social Problems.

The following appreciation of R. W. Poulton-Palmer, the English Rugby international, who was killed in action, appeared in the London Church Times:

"If the death of a young man in the service of his country is a tragedy rather than glory then in the death of 'Ronnie Poulton' is one of the greatest tragedies of the war. There are some people whose virtues are remembered when they die, while their weaknesses are charitably forgotten, but it is the merest truth that this man was one of those supreme instances of excellence which reveal—as in a flash—what human nature can be and how fair a world this might be.

"It is common knowledge that he was supreme as an athlete, possibly the most brainy three-quarter that ever played; excellent at all games. He was singularly graceful in his motions; to watch him run, or even walk, was a revelation of the poetry of motion. He was also remarkably intelligent and well informed. But there was another side of him not so well known to the general public. He was keenly interested in social problems, really perturbed and anxious over the puzzles of wages, housing and the general welfare of the poor. This showed itself in the cheery sacrifice of several evenings a week for the purpose of establishing and managing a boys' club at Reading. It appears also in his determination, when he came into a large fortune a year or so back, 'to go on living quietly and save my money with a view of finding some object on which it can worthily be spent.'

"There was another side to him, too, still less known to the public, his religious side. He was deeply, unfeignedly, openly religious. This showed itself in quite odd ways. For instance, after the Rugby international match, England vs. Ireland, 1914, the writer of this notice went into the pavilion at Twickenham to congratulate him on his English victory. He was in his bath, but turned eagerly round and said: 'O, I wanted to talk to you about a book I've been reading. I don't quite understand the relation of conversation and grace.'

"If this scene had occurred in a novel I think it would have been voted improbable, yet it was the fact; the English captain, five minutes after a hard-won victory, sitting in his bath and scraping his head, had forgotten all about football, and on his own initiative was keenly discussing matters of religion. He came to the same friend on another occasion and said: 'Will you help me to find out the best way to teach my club boys to say their prayers?'

"But perhaps the most striking thing about him was his lovableness. It was his combination of gifts set in a frame of the most delicate courtesy and humility. He was one of the most humble people alive. And on the most winning background of this modesty were set his great gifts, his personal beauty and gracefulness, his enormous vitality, his wonderful physical skill, his supreme and absolute chastity of body, mind and soul, his deep charity and considerateness. All this seems almost unbelievable, yet it is strictly and absolutely true. You could not know him without loving him, and loving him deeply and sincerely. He will be mourned by an extraordinarily large number of people. Oxford loved him as the supreme expression of what she can produce and mean. Rugby footballers will never forget him, thousands who only saw him play will feel a keen pang of personal loss. The deepest sympathy will go out to his family at Oxford. God bless him! May he rest in peace in the safe keeping of his Lord, Who—thanks be to God—has long been his personal Friend and Master."

PRESSMEN WINNERS IN BOWLING MATCH

Two teams from The Colonist met yesterday afternoon in a bowling match on the Arcade Alleys. The Pressmen and the "Comps" were those engaged, and the Pressmen took all three games without much trouble, the "Comps" being minus the services of Crook, one of their star bowlers and their only rooter. Fisher had high score and high average. Tonight the Outlaws meet the Douglas Street Auto Stand. The scores in yesterday's match were as follows:

Pressmen

	1	2	3	Tot'l
Edmonds	111	111	100	322
Jones	128	126	148	402
Grant	153	114	138	405
Fisher	124	198	157	469
Totals	516	549	542	1608

Compositors

Sanburn	125	146	109	380
More	120	107	129	356
Chislett	138	139	121	398
Fairfull	111	111	100	322
Totals	494	503	459	1456

The match between teams representing the Western Scots and the 103rd Regiment scheduled for last night went by default to the Western Scots, who now claim the championship of the local regiments.

MRS. BUNDY'S PLANS ARE UNCERTAIN

May Retire Once More From Championship Tennis After Defeating Miss Molla Bjurstedt

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 20.—The tennis future of Mrs. May Sutton Bundy, now that she has conquered Molla Bjurstedt, seems to be in a very uncertain condition. It seems at present to depend entirely on the tennis ambitions of her husband.

If Tom Bundy decides to go east with Maurice McLoughlin and endeavor to regain the doubles championship, Mrs. Bundy will trot right along, too, and make a regular invasion. She will play in all of the large invitational tournaments and in the national championships. That means she will meet the Norwegian girl again, in New York or Philadelphia.

But if Bundy decides to retire from active tennis competition and just play an occasional game for amusement's sake, why, Mrs. Bundy, the world's greatest woman player, will do likewise.

It may be that she will even let her husband enter active competition again without taking up strenuous play herself. Nobody is as uncertain about the tennis future of Mrs. Bundy as is Mrs. Bundy herself. But, for the present, she is through.

The strain has been very severe on her. In conditioning herself for the tournament in which she pitted her skill against Miss Bjurstedt's strength she did not spare herself. She trained almost as strenuously as a college football player.

HOCKEY RECORDS

Standing of the Clubs

	W.	L.	F.	A.
Seattle	3	1	13	12
Portland	3	1	11	7
Victoria	2	2	20	14
Vancouver	0	4	8	19

Individual Scoring Record

	P.	G.	A.	Pts.
Patrick, Victoria	4	6	3	9
Box, Victoria	3	4	4	8
Dunderdale, Portland	4	4	4	8
Morris, Seattle	4	4	2	6
McDonald, Victoria	4	4	1	5
Walker, Seattle	4	3	2	5
Mallen, Victoria	4	3	1	4
Tobin, Portland	4	3	1	4
Wilson, Seattle	4	4	0	4
Genge, Victoria	4	2	1	3
Kerr, Victoria	4	0	3	3
Oatman, Portland	4	0	3	3
Taylor, Vancouver	4	2	1	3
Mackay, Vancouver	4	2	1	3
O'Leary, Victoria	2	1	1	2
Stanley, Vancouver	3	2	0	2
Griffis, Vancouver	4	0	2	2
Barbour, Portland	1	2	0	2
Riley, Victoria	3	0	1	1
Foyston, Seattle	4	1	0	1
Carpenter, Seattle	4	0	1	1
Duncan, Vancouver	3	0	1	1
Harris, Portland	4	1	0	1
Cook, Vancouver	4	1	0	1

TAXATION IS ON ABNORMAL BASIS

Owner Offers City Land Because Impositions During Ten Years Would Be Greater Than Assessed Value.

An explanation why Mr. E. H. Anderson, owner of property at the corner of Brooke and St. Charles Streets, was willing to give the property to the city in lieu of paying the tax levies against it was indicated in the statement which the City Treasurer submitted to the City Council last night.

The local improvement taxes, including street improvement, expropriation, etc., for the ten year term, would amount to $19,590, in addition to which the 1915 general tax was $420. Overdue assessments under the local improvement levy amount to $3,566. The property is assessed on the city's rolls at $18,900. In other words, in ten years the owner would be forced to pay in taxes, not including the general tax, an amount greater than the assessed value of the land.

The matter will be further dealt with by the finance committee.

SUBSCRIBE TO FUND

Subscriptions to the Patriotic Aid fund are reported at the headquarters of the campaign committee yesterday included the following items:

Subscriptions, $100 to $250—Mr. F. C. Green, $240.

Subscriptions, $50 to $100—Mr. Alex. Gillespie, $60.

Subscriptions up to $50—A. J. McC., $2; W. S. Cameron, $30; Fernwood Hardware Co., $5; J. A. Edwards, $2; Mrs. E. C. Shannon, $3; Lady Crease, $5; H. S. Rutledge, $24; H. P. Johnson, $30; Miss M. A. Shaffer, $12.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The marriage of Mr. John Edgar Casson, son of the late John Peter and Mrs. Casson, of Hull, England, and Miss Annie Elizabeth Coultish, daughter of the late Charles Coultish and Mrs. Coultish, of Goole, England, was celebrated quietly in the presence of a few friends at St. Saviour's, Victoria West, yesterday, by the Rev. Rev. R. Connell. Mr. and Mrs. Casson will reside at 803 Catherine Street.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO BE PRESENTED

Members of Women's Canadian Club Will Be Hosts at Entertainment for 1,300 Children of Soldiers.

The details in connection with the Christmas Tree and entertainment that will be held tomorrow afternoon at the High School gymnasium by the Women's Canadian Club for the benefit of the children of Victoria soldiers on active service have been completed, and the outlook for the success of the event is decidedly auspicious.

The appeal made by the club for toys met with an almost unlooked-for response and within a very few days the committee was able to announce that the required number of gifts had been received. The most sanguine hopes of the ladies in charge of the collection were exceeded by the flood of toys of all kinds which reached their hands, and it is now estimated that no less than 1,300 children will be provided with Christmas presents at tomorrow's entertainment.

The gymnasium of the High School, which will be the scene of the function, has been attractively decorated for the occasion with symbols of the festive season, while a huge Christmas tree has been put in position at one end, and will be adorned with ornaments and gifts, the latter to be distributed by Santa Claus to the boys and girls assembled.

In connection with the entertainment, tea and refreshments will be served, while a concert will be one of the most attractive features. The programme will continue throughout the afternoon, and will be as follows:

Song—"O Canada" ..88th Fusiliers Band
Song—"Soldiers of the King" .....
.....Mrs. R. H. Pooley
Ventriloquist sketch .....Sgt. Morrison
Pipes selection .....
Pipers' band of 67th Battalion, Western Scots.
Song—Selected .....Mrs. Roy Troup
Band selection ...88th Fusiliers Band
Song—Selected .....Mrs. Robert Baird
Punch and Judy Show.
Magic and conjuring act ..Sgt. Burton
Pipes selection—Pipers of Western Scots
Band selection ...88th Fusiliers Band
God Save the King!

The accompanist to all the vocal numbers will be Mrs. A. J. Gibson.

The entertainment will be opened at 2:30 o'clock and will continue until 5:30 o'clock.

Among the munificent gifts made to the committee of the Women's Canadian Club in charge of the collection of gifts was a consignment of over 400 toys from the Victoria Chemical Works.

Donations of cake and refreshments will be gratefully received by the committee at the High School tomorrow morning from 10 to 12 o'clock.

MINISTER OF MINES

Mr. James Cronin, of Spokane, Comments Enthusiastically on Premier Bowser's Choice

"I can say without hesitation that in my judgment nothing has occurred in recent years more promising for the future of the mining industry of British Columbia than the choice of Premier Bowser in selecting, in the person of Hon. Lorne Campbell, a new head for the Provincial Mines Department."

This statement was made to The Colonist, yesterday, by a gentleman pre-eminently well qualified to express an authoritative opinion—Mr. James Cronin, of Spokane, one of the most widely known mining men in Western America, who has vast interests in British Columbia.

"I have personally known Mr. Campbell for many years," said Mr. Cronin, "and to say that I was delighted to hear of his appointment is putting it mildly. He is distinctly 'the right man in the right place.'

"While it is true that the depression from which the mining industry in this Province suffered in late years was not due to mistakes in policy on the part of the Government, yet, with the assurance that a new era is opening for mining, and that the industry is now at the threshold of a great era of expansion, it is particularly fortunate that the Mines Department of the Province is to be placed in such able hands.

"We will look for much from Mr. Campbell, and I have every confidence that we will not be disappointed. I am sure that I voice the sentiments of the mining men of the whole of British Columbia when I extend to Premier Bowser hearty congratulations on his choice of a Minister of Mines."

ARMY'S WINTER KIT

Warmer Clothes Are Provided for the Kilted Troops

The coming of Winter has found the British War Office Department whose duty it is to clothe the army fully prepared with supplies of warm clothing for the protection of the troops against the rigors of Winter warfare. The following is a list of the apparel provided by the military authorities for each soldier at the front:

Winter service cap.
Waterproof cover for cap.
Cap comforter.
Body belt.
Woolen vest and drawers.
Shirt.
Cardigan waistcoat.
Tunic and trousers.
Fur or leather (flannel lined) jacket.
Great coat.
Waterproof cape.
Fingerless snow gloves.
Woolen gloves.
Socks, puttees and boots.

In addition gum boots, reaching to the top of the thigh are provided for men actually in the trenches. The special needs of the kilted regiments have not been overlooked, and auxiliary warm clothing is provided for them.

The authorized scale of equipment allows two shirts and four pairs of socks for each man. From time to time complaints reach England that men in this or that battalion are in want of socks and shirts; and appeals for these articles or money for purchasing them are advertised. It is stated on good authority, says The London Times, that there is no real necessity for such appeals, as ample Government supplies are available to meet all demands made through the proper channels. Mufflers and mittens, however, are not a "Government supply," and the making, purchase and collection of them is a field in which the generosity and industry of the public will be warmly welcomed.

Phoenix Stout, 2 quarts for 25c.

MONTREAL PRODUCE

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—The butter market is strong; cheese is quiet, but firm. The demand for eggs is good.

Cheese—Finest Westerns, 17¾ to 18; finest Easterns, 17¼ to 17½.

Butter—Choicest creamery, 34¾ to 35¼; seconds, 33 to 33½.

Eggs—Fresh, 48 to 52; selected, 33; No. 1 stock, 30.

Pork—Heavy Canada short mess, 37½; Canada short cut back, 38½.

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Coronation Gold	10.00	....
Granby	79.00	80.00
Int. Coal and Coke Co.	.09	.10½
Lucky Jim Zinc	.07½	.07½
McGillivray Coal	14.00	15.00
Portland Canal	.01	.01½
Rambler Cariboo	17.00	20.00
Red Cliff	....	.03
Standard Lead	1.97	2.05
Snowstorm	17.00	18.00
Stewart M. and D.	....	.75
Slocan Star	17.00	20.00
Stewart Land	....	7.00
Vict. Phoenix Brew.	....	116.00
Unlisted.		
American Marconi	2.75	4.00
Canadian Marconi	1.00	1.20
Glacier Creek	....	.04
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Terms of sale, cash.

F. G. RICHARDS, Sheriff,
Bailiff for Landlord.

Sheriff's Office, Victoria, B.C., December 20th, 1915.

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that, to satisfy the requirement that British subjects entering the United Kingdom should hold a passport or equivalent document, the Imperial authorities have consented to accept a certificate, signed by a Canadian Immigration Agent, establishing the nationality of the holder, and identifying him by means of his signature and photograph placed thereon.

Such certificates may be obtained from Immigration Agents at the following points: Halifax, St. John, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Fort William, Port Arthur, Winnipeg, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Lloydminster, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria.

These certificates, however, will be available only for the purpose of entering Great Britain, and their holders will find it necessary to obtain Foreign Office passports before leaving the United Kingdom.

W. H. WALKER
Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs

Ottawa, December 6, 1915.—89,174.

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HOCKEY PLAYERS REST TILL AFTER HOLIDAYS

Victoria's Next Engagement at Portland—Lester Patrick's Fine Record as Player and Captain.

There will be no professional hockey now until after the Christmas holidays, and the fans will have to curb their impatience for a view of their favorites in action until Tuesday, December 28. On this date the locals visit Portland for their first encounter with the Rosebuds, and the meeting between Lester Patrick's proteges and Pete Muldoon's pets should be a game worth going some distance to see. If the Aristocrats put up the brand of hockey which they exhibited on Friday last against the Vancouver Millionaires, they will in all probability return to the capital with the scalps of the Portland aggregation hanging from their belts. It took them a couple of games to get into their stride, but now that the players have shaken down into their places after being well schooled by Lester Patrick, it will take a good team to beat them.

Patrick has not only shown himself to be a good general and a good coach, but he has also shown that he is also still to be reckoned with as one of the finest players of ice hockey in Canada. He leads the league in the individual scoring records, with a total of nine points, being closely followed by the Victoria recruit Box, who is only one point behind his captain, the next two places on the list being held by Morris and Dunderdale, both of whom were on the Victoria team last year.

Patrick's Fine Record

Lester played his first game of senior hockey in 1904, when he went to play with the Brandon Hockey Club in the Manitoba Hockey League, playing for the Wanderers in the following year. In the finals Ottawa and the Wanderers were tied for first place, and in the play-off at Ottawa it was the spectacular work of Patrick which enabled his team to win the championship.

In 1907 he again came West and captained the Nelson Hockey Club in the Boundary League. Again he was leading a championship organization. In 1908 he and his brother Frank signed contracts to play with the Renfrew club in the National Hockey League. For their season's work they received the largest salaries ever paid to professional hockey players. In 1909 he joined the Edmonton team in their quest for the Stanely cup. In 1910 he again captained the Nelson team to championship honors. In 1911 the Pacific Coast Hockey League was organized, and rinks were built at Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster. Lester took charge of the Victoria line-up and in the four years has succeeded in winning the Coast championship twice.

A Steady Player

Patrick is considered by hockey critics to be one of the headiest players in the game today. He organized the idea of stick-handling the puck up the ice instead of passing it ahead and skating after it. To Patrick credit is given all over the hockey world as the originator of the present-day style. He is a beautiful check and breaks up many a combination rush which has all the earmarks of a goal.

When playing in the East, Patrick played on the forward line, but since coming West, he has directed the operation of his team from the defence.

BILLY WEEKS MAY MEET LES DARCY

SEATTLE, WASH., Dec. 20.—Jack Kearns, one of the old-timers in the sport game, who is well known in Seattle and the Northwest, is planning a visit to the States, arriving about the first of the year. Kearns will take with him his sensational battler, Les Darcy, the boy who has been beating all of the best battlers in Australia of late. Kearns will take in Seattle on his tour, and mentions the possibility of matching Darcy with some good middleweight here.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Dec. 20.—If Les Darcy, the Australian middleweight champion, is sincere in his announcement of several weeks ago, that he would meet Billy Weeks in his first American contest, then he will be accommodated. H. F. E. Jacobs stated that he would challenge Darcy on behalf of Weeks as soon as the Australian set foot in America. Darcy is announced to arrive on January 5 at San Francisco.

Weeks is busy getting himself ready for a number of matches, which he believes will do more towards conditioning him for a championship match than anything he could do. He has three bouts scheduled for this month.

WOLGAST'S TROUBLES

Ex-Lightweight Champion Charged With Breach of Contract and False Pretenses

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Charges of breach of contract and obtaining money under false pretenses will be preferred against Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion, at a meeting of the New York State Athletic Commission. Chairman Fred Wenck announced that he would recommend suspension of the pugilist for six months.

Wolgast will be charged with violating his contract with the Harlem Sporting Club, when he boxed on the night of December 14, at Atlanta, as he had agreed not to engage in any bout previous to his appearance here last Friday night. He will also be accused of going on here when he knew he was not in fit physical condition.

ATTEMPT TO DEFINE AMATEUR STATUS

Concerted Effort Will Be Made in New York to Reach Understanding on Important Question

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The concerted effort which will be made in New York City on December 27 by the governing bodies in all branches of sport to reach a mutual understanding relative to the amateur status of competitors is expected by many to be the most important athletic meeting held in the last decade.

Every portion of the country is affected and interested, and any decision that may be arrived at will be far-reaching.

So many-sided is the subject matter in hand that many believe it will be impossible to approach its many angles at one conference and that some kind of a committee will have to be appointed to report later, after every viewpoint has been thoroughly considered.

While the Amateur Athletic Union specifically defines an amateur, its application constantly has been a thorn in the side of athletics, and nothing would be more welcomed than a clearing up of the question and a ruling made that could be made to "stick" when occasion arises to make use of it.

Dates Inconvenient

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 20.—It is very doubtful if Pennsylvania and Cornell will send crews to the races at Poughkeepsie this year on account of the regatta committee failing to select a suitable date. It has been circulated that the regatta committee has been compelled to change the old date, due to the reason of the tide changing. The stewards have given out dates for either June 17 or else July 1. These dates, especially the first, seems to conflict with Cornell and Pennsylvania, because of examinations being held at that time. The later date for Pennsylvania will mean much more expense added to its funds.

STRIKING TRIBUTE TO RUGBY PLAYER

Writer Describes Him as Supreme as Athlete and Keenly Interested in Social Problems.

The following appreciation of R. W. Poulton-Palmer, the English Rugby international, who was killed in action, appeared in the London Church Times:

"If the death of a young man in the service of his country is a tragedy rather than glory then in the death of 'Ronnie Poulton' is one of the greatest tragedies of the war. There are some people whose virtues are remembered when they die, while their weaknesses are charitably forgotten, but it is the merest truth that this man was one of those supreme instances of excellence which reveal—as in a flash—what human nature can be and how fair a world this might be.

"It is common knowledge that he was supreme as an athlete, possibly the most brainy three-quarter that ever played; excellent at all games. He was singularly graceful in his motions; to watch him run, or even walk, was a revelation of the poetry of motion. He was also remarkably intelligent and well informed. But there was another side of him not so well known to the general public. He was keenly interested in social problems, really perturbed and anxious over the puzzles of wages, housing and the general welfare of the poor. This showed itself in the cheery sacrifice of several evenings a week for the purpose of establishing and managing a boys' club at Reading. It appears also in his determination, when he came into a large fortune a year or so back, 'to go on living quietly and save my money with a view of finding some object on which it can worthily be spent.'

"There was another side to him, too, still less known to the public, his religious side. He was deeply, unfeignedly, openly religious. This showed itself in quite odd ways. For instance, after the Rugby international match, England vs. Ireland, 1914, the writer of this notice went into the pavilion at Twickenham to congratulate him on his English victory. He was in his bath, but turned eagerly round and said: 'O, I wanted to talk to you about a book I've been reading. I don't quite understand the relation of conversion and grace.'

"If this scene had occurred in a novel I think it would have been voted improbable, yet it was the fact; the English captain, five minutes after a hard-won victory, sitting in his bath and scraping his head, had forgotten all about football, and on his own initiative was keenly discussing matters of religion. He came to the same friend on another occasion and said: 'Will you help me to find out the best way to teach my club boys to say their prayers?'

"But perhaps the most striking thing about him was his lovableness. It was his combination of gifts set in a frame of the most delicate courtesy and humility. He was one of the most humble people alive. And on the most winning background of this modesty were set his great gifts, his personal beauty and gracefulness, his enormous vitality, his wonderful physical skill, his supreme and absolute chastity of body, mind and soul, his deep charity and consideration. All this seems almost unbelievable, yet it is strictly and absolutely true. You could not know him without loving him, and loving him deeply and sincerely. He will be mourned by an extraordinarily large number of people. Oxford loved him as the supreme expression of what she can produce and mean, Rugby footballers will never forget him, thousands who only saw him play will feel a keen pang of personal loss. The deepest sympathy will go out to his family at Oxford, God bless him! May he rest in peace in the safe keeping of his Lord, Who—thanks be to God—has long been his personal Friend and Master."

PRESSMEN WINNERS IN BOWLING MATCH

Two teams from The Colonist met yesterday afternoon in a bowling match on the Arcade Alleys. The Pressmen and the "Comps" were those engaged, and the Pressmen took all three games without much trouble, the "Comps" being minus the services of Crook, one of their star bowlers and their only rooter. Fisher had high score and high average. Tonight the Outlaws meet the Douglas Street Auto Stand. The scores in yesterday's match were as follows:

Pressmen

	1	2	3	Tot'l
Edmonds	111	111	100	322
Jones	138	126	148	412
Grant	153	114	138	405
Fisher	134	188	157	469
Totals	516	549	543	1608

Compositors

Sanburn	125	146	109	380
More	120	107	129	356
Chislett	136	139	121	396
Fairfull	111	111	100	322
Totals	494	503	459	1456

The match between teams representing the Western Scots and the 103rd Regiment scheduled for last night went by default to the Western Scots, who now claim the championship of the local regiments.

MRS. BUNDY'S PLANS ARE UNCERTAIN

May Retire Quite Soon From Championship Tennis After Defeating Miss Molla Bjurstedt

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 20.—The tennis future of Mrs. May Sutton Bundy, now that she has conquered Molla Bjurstedt, seems to be in a very uncertain condition. It seems at present to depend entirely on the tennis ambitions of her husband.

If Tom Bundy decides to go east with Maurice McLoughlin and endeavor to regain the doubles championship, Mrs. Bundy will trot right along, too, and make a regular invasion. She will play in all of the large invitational tournaments and in the national championships. That means she will meet the Norwegian girl again, in New York or Philadelphia.

But if Bundy decides to retire from active tennis competition and just play an occasional game for amusement's sake, why, Mrs. Bundy, the world's greatest woman player, will do likewise.

It may be that she will even let her husband enter active competition again without taking up strenuous play herself. Nobody is as uncertain about the tennis future of Mrs. Bundy as is Mrs. Bundy herself. But, for the present, she is through.

The strain has been very severe on her. In conditioning herself for the tournament in which she pitted her skill against Miss Bjurstedt's strength she did not spare herself. She trained almost as strenuously as a college football player.

HOCKEY RECORDS

Standing of the Clubs

	W.	L.	F.	A.
Seattle	3	1	13	12
Portland	3	1	11	7
Victoria	2	2	20	14
Vancouver	0	4	8	19

Individual Scoring Record

	P.	G.	A.	Pts.
Patrick, Victoria	4	6	3	9
Box, Victoria	3	4	4	8
Dunderdale, Portland	4	4	4	8
Morris, Seattle	4	4	2	6
McDonald, Victoria	4	4	1	5
Walker, Seattle	4	3	2	5
Mallen, Victoria	4	3	1	4
Tobin, Portland	4	3	1	4
Wilson, Seattle	4	4	0	4
Genge, Victoria	4	2	1	3
Kerr, Victoria	4	0	3	3
Oatman, Portland	4	0	3	3
Taylor, Vancouver	4	2	1	3
Mackay, Vancouver	4	2	1	3
O'Leary, Victoria	2	1	1	2
Stanley, Vancouver	3	2	0	2
Griffis, Vancouver	4	0	2	2
Barbour, Portland	1	2	0	2
Riley, Victoria	3	0	1	1
Foyston, Seattle	4	1	0	1
Carpenter, Seattle	4	0	1	1
Duncan, Vancouver	3	0	1	1
Harris, Portland	4	1	0	1
Cook, Vancouver	4	1	0	1

TAXATION IS ON ABNORMAL BASIS

Owner Offers City Land Because Impositions During Ten Years Would Be Greater Than Assessed Value.

An explanation why Mr. E. H. Anderson, owner of property at the corner of Brooke and St. Charles Streets, was willing to give the property to the city in lieu of paying the tax levies against it was indicated in the statement which the City Treasurer submitted to the City Council last night.

The local improvement taxes, including street improvement, expropriation, etc., for the ten year term, would amount to $19,590, in addition to which the 1915 general tax was $420. Overdue assessments under the local improvement levy amount to $3,566. The property is assessed on the city's rolls at $18,900. In other words, in ten years the owner would be forced to pay in taxes, not including the general tax, an amount greater than the assessed value of the land.

The matter will be further dealt with by the finance committee.

SUBSCRIBE TO FUND

Subscriptions to the Patriotic Aid fund are reported at the headquarters of the campaign committee yesterday included the following items:

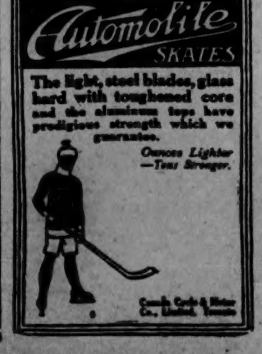
Subscriptions, $100 to $250—Mr. F. C. Green, $240.

Subscriptions, $50 to $100—Mr. Alex. Gillespie, $60.

Subscriptions up to $50—A. J. McC., $2; W. S. Cameron, $30; Fernwood Hardware Co., $5; J. A. Edwards, $2; Mrs. E. C. Shannon, $3; Lady Crease, $5; H. S. Rutledge, $24; H. P. Johnson, $30; Miss M. A. Shaffer, $12.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The marriage of Mr. John Edgar Casson, son of the late John Peter and Mrs. Casson, of Hull, England, and Miss Annie Elizabeth Coultish, daughter of the late Charles Coultish and Mrs. Coultish, of Goole, England, was celebrated quietly in the presence of a few friends at St. Saviour's, Victoria West, yesterday, by the Rev. Rev. R. Connell. Mr. and Mrs. Casson will reside at 503 Catherine Street.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO BE PRESENTED

Members of Women's Canadian Club Will Be Hosts at Entertainment for 1,300 Children of Soldiers.

The details in connection with the Christmas Tree and entertainment that will be held tomorrow afternoon at the High School gymnasium by the Women's Canadian Club for the benefit of the children of Victoria soldiers on active service have been completed, and the outlook for the success of the event is decidedly auspicious.

The appeal made by the club for toys met with an almost unlooked-for response and within a very few days the committee was able to announce that the required number of gifts had been received. The most sanguine hopes of the ladies in charge of the collection were exceeded by the flood of toys of all kinds which reached their hands, and it is now estimated that no less than 1,300 children will be provided with Christmas presents at tomorrow's entertainment.

The gymnasium of the High School, which will be the scene of the function, has been attractively decorated for the occasion with symbols of the festive season, while a huge Christmas tree has been put in position at one end, and will be adorned with ornaments and gifts, the latter to be distributed by Santa Claus to the boys and girls assembled.

In connection with the entertainment, tea and refreshments will be served, while a concert will be one of the most attractive features. The programme will continue throughout the afternoon, and will be as follows:

Song—"O Canada" ..88th Fusiliers Band
Song—"Soldiers of the King" .....
.....Mrs. R. H. Pooley
Ventriloquist sketch .....Sgt. Morrison
Pipes selection .....
Pipers' band of 67th Battalion, Western Scots.
Song—Selected .....Mrs. Roy Troup
Band selection ...88th Fusiliers Band
Song—Selected .....Mrs. Robert Baird
Punch and Judy Show.
Magic and conjuring act ..Sgt. Burton
Pipes selection—Pipers of Western Scots
Band selection ...88th Fusiliers Band
God Save the King!

The accompanist to all the vocal numbers will be Mrs. A. J. Gibson.

The entertainment will be opened at 2:30 o'clock and will continue until 5:30 o'clock.

Among the munificent gifts made to the committee of the Women's Canadian Club in charge of the collection of gifts was a consignment of over 400 toys from the Victoria Chemical Works.

Donations of cake and refreshments will be gratefully received by the committee at the High School tomorrow morning from 10 to 12 o'clock.

MINISTER OF MINES

Mr. James Cronin, of Spokane, Comments Enthusiastically on Premier Bowser's Choice

"I can say without hesitation that in my judgment nothing has occurred in recent years more promising for the future of the mining industry of British Columbia than the choice of Premier Bowser in selecting, in the person of Hon. Lorne Campbell, a new head for the Provincial Mines Department."

This statement was made to The Colonist, yesterday, by a gentleman preeminently well qualified to express an authoritative opinion—Mr. James Cronin, of Spokane, one of the most widely known mining men in Western America, who has vast interests in British Columbia.

"I have personally known Mr. Campbell for many years," said Mr. Cronin, "and to say that I was delighted to hear of his appointment is putting it mildly. He is distinctly 'the right man in the right place.'

"While it is true that the depression from which the mining industry in this Province suffered in late years was not due to mistakes in policy on the part of the Government, yet, with the assurance that a new era is opening for mining, and that the industry is now at the threshold of a great era of expansion, it is particularly fortunate that the Mines Department of the Province is to be placed in such able hands.

"We will look for much from Mr. Campbell, and I have every confidence that we will not be disappointed. I am sure that I voice the sentiments of the mining men of the whole of British Columbia when I extend to Premier Bowser hearty congratulations on his choice of a Minister of Mines."

ARMY'S WINTER KIT

Warmer Clothes Are Provided for the Kilted Troops

The coming of Winter has found the British War Office Department whose duty it is to clothe the army fully prepared with supplies of warm clothing for the protection of the troops against the rigors of Winter warfare. The following is a list of the apparel provided by the military authorities for each soldier at the front:

Winter service cap.
Waterproof cover for cap.
Cap comforter.
Body belt.
Woolen vest and drawers.
Shirt.
Cardigan waistcoat.
Tunic and trousers.
Fur or leather (flannel lined) jacket.
Great coat.
Waterproof cape.
Fingerless snow gloves.
Woolen gloves.
Socks, puttees and boots.

In addition, gum boots, reaching to the top of the thigh are provided for men actually in the trenches. The special needs of the kilted regiments have not been overlooked, and auxiliary warm clothing is provided for them.

The authorized scale of equipment allows two shirts and four pairs of socks for each man. From time to time complaints reach England that men in this or that battalion are in want of socks and shirts; and appeals for these articles or money for purchasing them are advertised. It is stated on good authority, says The London Times, that there is no real necessity for such appeals, as ample Government supplies are available to meet all demands made through the proper channels. Mufflers and mittens, however, are not a "Government supply," and the making, purchase and collection of them is a field in which the generosity and industry of the public will be warmly welcomed.

Phoenix Stout, 2 quarts for 25c.

MONTREAL PRODUCE

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—The butter market is strong; cheese is quiet, but firm. The demand for eggs is good.

Cheese—Finest Westerns, 17¾ to 18; finest Easterns, 17¼ to 17½.

Butter—Choicest creamery, 34¾ to 35¼; seconds, 33 to 33¾.

Eggs—Fresh, 48 to 52; selected, 35; No. 1 stock, 30.

Pork—Heavy Canada short mess, 29½; Canada short cut back, 28½.

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Int. Coal and Coke Co.	.09	.10½
Lucky Jim Zinc	.07½	.07½
McGillivray Coal	14.00	15.00
Portland Canal	.01	.01½
Rambler Cariboo	17.00	20.00
Red Cliff	....	.09
Standard Lead	1.97	2.05
Snowstorm	17.00	18.00
Stewart M. and D.	....	.75
Slocan Star	17.00	20.00
Stewart Land	....	7.00
Vict. Phoenix Brew.	....	116.00
Unlisted.		
American Marconi	2.75	4.00
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Terms of sale, cash.

F. G. RICHARDS, Sheriff,
Bailiff for Landlord.

Sheriff's Office, Victoria, B.C., December 20th, 1915.

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that, to satisfy the requirement that British subjects entering the United Kingdom should hold a passport or equivalent document, the Imperial authorities have consented to accept a certificate, signed by a Canadian Immigration Agent, establishing the nationality of the holder, and identifying him by means of his signature and photograph placed thereon.

Such certificates may be obtained from Immigration Agents at the following points: Halifax, St. John, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Fort William, Port Arthur, Winnipeg, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Lloydminster, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria.

These certificates, however, will be available only for the purpose of entering Great Britain, and their holders will find it necessary to obtain Foreign Office passports before leaving the United Kingdom.

W. H. WALKER
Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs

Ottawa, December 6, 1915.—39,174.

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CIRCULATION OF FALSE REPORTS

Favorite Trick of Germans Is Used to Stir Up Trouble in Samoa—Big South Sea Firm Is Suppressed.

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Dec. 20.—A campaign of prodigious lying and stirring up of distrust and strife among the natives which has lately been started by the Germans in former German Samoa has added to the responsibility of the New Zealand military government of that territory, but, to make up for this, the activities of the Deutsche Handels und Plantagnet Geschellaft, the big German South Sea firm which, in defiance of the British occupation of German Samoa and the British protectorate over Tonga, has been carrying on an extensive business in copra and other tropical products in those islands, largely through San Francisco, have been effectually squelched. The natives, who, on the whole, are better disposed toward British control than German, have been told by the Germans that the Kaiser's troops have occupied England and that London has been razed to the ground.

Incidentally, probably from the same source, reports have been spread which have even disturbed the American naval authorities at Pago Pago, that Australia is suffering from a terrible outbreak of typhus, and that in Melbourne hospitals alone there were lately 4,200 cases of that disease and 200 deaths in a single week. Of course, this typhus yarn is of the wildest and falsest kind, for if it were true the New Zealand Government would have declared a quarantine against the Commonwealth.

The business of the Deutsche Handels und Plantagnet Gehellschaft, commonly known as the "long-handled firm," is now being conducted by a receiver appointed by the Dominion Government, and several Germans who had kept up a trade on its behalf until recently are now prisoners in New Zealand.

The Germans were landed at Auckland by the steamer Talune on November 7, having been brought under military guard from Apia. Among them was the general manager of the concern, Karl Hanssen; and the manager of one of its principal plantations, Adolph Eberhardt. On September 30 the head office and four plantations of the D. H. and P. G. were simultaneously raided by the military and all its papers and letters were seized. No resistance was offered.

When brought before a military court Eberhardt was found guilty and fined $150 and ordered to be interned. Hanssen was charged with evading the censorship and disobeying military regulations. He was convicted and sentenced to six months' imprisonment in New Zealand and subsequent internment until the end of the war.

Six German clerks were fined $750 in all for evasion of the censorship.

INVALIDED MEN

Steamship Metagama Carrying 125 Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates on Present Voyage

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—The Gazette correspondent at London cabled last night:

"The Metagama on her present voyage to Canada carries 125 non-commissioned officers and men who have been discharged as medically unfit for further service.

The party also includes the following officers on leave or special duty: Lieut.-Col. Howard, 14th Reserve Battalion, of Shorncliffe, in charge; Major R. Wilson, medical officer in charge; Major Maurice Alexander, Capt. MacNally, 7th Battalion; Capt. B. C. Kirkconnel, 14th Battalion; F. W. Pickles, 1st Divisional Ammunition Column; Lieut. Stuart P. Woolcome, 12th Battalion; H. A. Webb, headquarters staff, 4th Infantry Brigade; W. J. Choveris, Nurses Hambley, Rose Fraitan and Cummings.

"Mr. Goldwin Gregory, a law student of Toronto, and son of the partner of the legal firm of Gregory and Gooderham, has returned from Italy, where he has been engaged since last July with the British Field Ambulance Company on the Austrian frontier.

"The Red Cross arrangements there are carried on by a general organization combining the medical and army services. Mr. Gregory showed a letter from an Austrian officer expressing gratitude for the kind and benevolent treatment received.

"Mr. Gregory is now expecting to get a commission in the army service.

"George Edward Bell, a McGill graduate, of the Dominion bridge staff, and Robert George Kyd, of Dunville, Ont., have been elected associate members of the Institution of Civil Engineers."

CANAL CLOSES AGAIN

Temporary Opening Yesterday and Today for Passage of Small Vessels That Were Waiting

PANAMA, Dec. 20.—The Panama Canal was temporarily opened late today to permit the passage of six small vessels which had been waiting here for several months. Three more vessels will make the passage tomorrow afternoon, after which, the waterway will again be closed, by order of Major-General Geo. W. Goethals, governor of the canal zone. General Goethals said it was impossible to predict when the canal would be re-opened permanently, but expressed the belief that it would not be until all danger of interruption to the continuous traffic of large ships was no longer present on account of earth slides.

With the passage of small vessels today, General Goethals pointed out that it had been the intention since the canal was closed last September to force a temporary channel in order to permit the passage of small steamers and yachts which had been tied up at Balboa and Cristobal. Gen. Goethals said that after the last ship had passed through the canal tomorrow it would be again closed indefinitely.

Today Gen. Goethals accompanied members of the committee appointed by the National Academy of Science to investigate the geological formation on the canal zone to the Gaillard cut, where an examination of the slides was made. Dr. Chas. R. Van Hise, chairman of the committee, declined tonight to discuss the situation.

SAFE RETREAT AFFORDS RELIEF

Feeling of British Public Over Withdrawal of Troops From Gallipoli Positions—Situation in Greece.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The announcement of the British withdrawal from part of the Gallipoli Peninsula overshadowed all other war news tonight. For the British public, the abrupt War Office statement marks the end of one of the great chapters of the war's history.

The shock of the news was hardly broken by the fact that rumors had been current in the streets for some days, and the withdrawal of the forces had been a matter of widespread discussion ever since Lord Ribblesdale's famous speech in Parliament, in which he declared that the withdrawal had been recommended by a high military authority.

The feeling of the man in the street was generally one of relief, mixed with regret. A popular halfpenny paper sums up the British public's attitude as follows:

"Thus ends the enterprise on which the highest hopes were built, and which, if it had succeeded, would probably have turned the tide of the war. Our troops from the first to the last were within a few miles of victory."

The policy underlying the Dardanelles expedition may yet be carried to a successful issue in other quarters in the Near East. But the prospect of forcing a way to Constantinople through the straits is apparently relinquished.

British troops continued to occupy the tip of the peninsula at Seddul Bahr, commanding the entrance to the straits, where many British have declared a new Gibraltar will some day arise. The position there is protected by a double line of ships, and it is assumed that this will be held.

A fair degree of quiet has continued on the war fronts during the last 24 hours, and none of the often repeated threats at a big offensive in France, Russia and in the Balkans have yet actually materialized.

Persistent reports of a Greco-Bulgarian encounter resulting from a Bulgarian surprise attack have been cleared up by the Greek statement that the encounter took place in Albanian territory. No one was killed, and few were wounded. Order was restored promptly and an amicable inquiry is proceeding.

It is announced from Paris that no enemy detachment has yet crossed the Greek frontier. Meanwhile work on the defensive lines around Salonica is being actively pushed, and the Greek villages in the neighborhood of the lines are being evacuated by the population.

Greek military circles declare they are convinced that the forces opposing the Allies will not attempt to cross the frontier. The Bulgarians because they realize the danger of provoking Greece, the Germans because they realize the tremendous cost which the enterprise would entail.

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MORE SLAUGHTER OF ARMENIANS

Germany's Barbarous Allies Extend Their Nefarious Work to Adrianople—Many Massacred and Others Exiled.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A dispatch to The Times reports that all Armenians in Adrianople had either been massacred or deported by the Bulgarians, 1,600 being deported to Asia Minor.

Women and children were detained two days in prison before their removal, says the dispatch, and were subjected to brutal treatment by their captors. Many were placed on sailing vessels bound for Asia Minor. Two of these vessels foundered off Rodosto, and a majority of the exiles on board were drowned. Continuing the dispatch says:

"A memorial presented to the Bulgarian Government invoking interference in behalf of the persecuted Armenians gives a frightful picture of their sufferings in Asia Minor at the hands of the Turkish authorities. The document furnished a list of 29 districts in which Armenians, consisting of between 800,000 and 900,000 persons, either were killed, exiled or forcibly converted to the Islam religion.

AUSTRIANS CHECKED

Several Attacks Made on Italian Positions Repulsed—Artillery Active Along All Fronts

ROME, Dec. 20.—The official statement issued by the Italian War Office tonight, says:

"In the Ledro Valley the enemy on Saturday afternoon, in groups supported by an intense and sustained artillery fire, attacked our positions on Monte Cocca, north of Lake Ledro. They were repulsed by our fire. The same fate overtook a surprise attack by enemy detachments against our lines in the Millegrobe district, on the plateau between the Torra and Astico valleys. Along the remainder of the front there have been artillery duels."

VIENNA, Dec. 20.—The following official statement was issued today:

"Russian war theatre—There is nothing to report.

"Italian war theatre—On the entire front there has been moderate artillery activity, but only in the Chieze sector and the district of Col di Lana did it increase to vigorous proportions.

"Southeastern theatre—General Koevess' troops stormed the strongly consolidated enemy positions on the Tara, southwest of Bjelopolje and near Godust, north of Berane. In the fighting on the Tara, three mountain cannon, two field cannon and 1,200 rifles were captured."

FINANCIAL PLAN

Member of London Stock Exchange Offers Suggestion in Regard to C. P. R. Securities in London

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A prominent member of the committee of the London Stock Exchange, speaking Saturday on the subject of the new exchequer bonds, made a suggestion regarding Canadian Pacific Railway Company bonds held here which he claims would, if adopted, bring between thirtyfive and forty millions sterling to the assistance of the national finances.

He pointed out that the C. P. R. has thirty-six millions of four per cent consolidated debentures and sixteen millions in four per cent preference shares held in London. His suggestion was that the British or Canadian Government should induce the company to offer holders of these securities the right to exchange their sterling issues into four per cent dollar debentures or dollar preference shares, charging a rate of exchange that would leave the company a fair profit. He expressed a conviction that New York would absorb these issues, if in dollar form, at attractive prices to holders who would probably then invest the proceeds in the war loan.

VANCOUVER LIBERALS

Arrangements Made to Hold Nominating Convention for By-Election—Unique System Adopted

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 20.—At a meeting of the Vancouver City and District Liberal Association held tonight it was decided to hold a nominating convention at a place to be selected on Tuesday evening of next week for the purpose of selecting a candidate to oppose Hon. Chas. E. Tisdall in the bye-election at which the new minister will ask his constituents for their endorsement of his elevation to the cabinet.

A unique system of selecting their candidate was decided upon by the Liberals. In spite of opposition on the part of some members of the executive, it was arranged that all candidates nominated to run at the coming Provincial election by the Liberal convention of some months ago should meet before the night of the convention for the by-election and they themselves select one of their number as the party's standard-bearer in Vancouver against the new minister of the Crown.

MOUNTAIN IS PIERCED

Blowing Out of Heading Unites Two Sections of Pioneer Bore of Rogers Pass Tunnel

ROGERS PASS, B. C., Dec. 20.—Yesterday the heading of the tunnel under Mount Macdonald was blown out, and the Eastern and Western sections of the pioneer bore were united. There was no ceremony attending the event, but a number of railway men, contractors and others, were present.

At 8 o'clock yesterday morning the procession to the heading began. It was headed by John G. Sullivan, chief engineer of the railway, and J. W. Stewart, of Foley, Welch & Stewart. There were several other officials in the party, including F. W. Peters, general superintendent; A. C. Dennis, engineer in charge of construction; F. F. Busteed, engineer in charge of double tracking of lines in the mountains, and a few guests from both east and west. At exactly 9 o'clock the final shot was made and the hole through Mount Macdonald was complete.

It is expected that the remainder of the work on the great bore will be finished by next July. When completed the tunnel will be twenty-three feet high by twenty-nine feet in width, carrying a double track railway. The building of the tunnel shortens the distance by four and one-third miles and it lowers the grade nearly six hundred feet and cuts out five miles of snowsheds in a distance of thirteen miles, so that the cost of construction will soon be offset by the lessened cost of operation and by the cost of maintenance of snowsheds.

There is actually being built twelve miles of new line of which the five mile tunnel is a part. It will be the longest tunnel in North America until the Moffat tunnel, fifty miles west of Denver, now under construction, is built, which will be about one mile longer.

B. C. FRUIT GROWERS

Memorandum From Mr. Winslow Handed to Secretary of Economic Commission at Ottawa

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—The secretary of the Economic and Development Commission has had placed in his hands a memorandum of the disabilities labored under by the fruit growers of British Columbia in respect to marketing conditions. H. M. Winslow, secretary of the B. C. Fruitgrowers' Association, represents in the memorandum that at a meeting of the fruit growers and consumers held at Calgary in July last a strong and unanimous resolution was passed urging the Government to appoint a commission of inquiry into the whole fruit situation.

In reply to this resolution Hon. Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture, announced that as it was the purpose of the Government to appoint a royal commission to investigate all questions relating to production, marketing, immigration, it would not be possible to appoint a separate commission for fruit matters.

It is expected that the new commission will discuss the fruit question at an early date. The members of the commission discussed the question at some length on the first day of the recent sitting, and it was decided that any investigation into the difficulties facing fruit growers in regard to marketing conditions would have to be dealt with in the broadest possible way, as those representing the industry will have an opportunity to formally press their views. The commission expects to meet shortly in the West to discuss this and other important questions.

RECRUITING IN CANADA

Official Figures Show That Over 200,000 Men Have Been Called to Colors—Results by Provinces

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—Official recruiting figures up to December 15 show that Canada has now called to the colors over 200,000 men. During the past three months about 50,000 men have enlisted, and at the present time recruiting is reported to be brisker than it has been for months past, especially in the rural districts. During the first fifteen days of December about 12,500 recruits were obtained, or at the rate of nearly 1,000 per day. Of the total number of recruits obtained during the fifteen days, Ontario contributed nearly 6,000, or nearly half the number enlisted from the whole Dominion. Quebec furnished about 1,000 recruits, the Maritime Provinces about 1,300, Manitoba and Saskatchewan about 2,300, Alberta 2,200, and British Columbia and the Yukon 1,150.

Returns from the several military divisions and districts in Canada show that up to December 15, the number of recruits enlisted for all purposes since the outbreak of the war totaled about 198,000 men and 7,000 officers. This makes a grand total of 205,000 officers and men, including 12,000 men employed on home guard duty, etc., and 8,000 or 9,000 who have been permanently put out of commission by death, wounds, or illness at the front. Canada's present fighting army now on active service is, therefore, about 185,000, all of which has been raised and equipped in a little over sixteen months.

Exclusive of officers, who would add about 4 per cent to the total, Ontario has raised about 17,000 men; Quebec, approximately 24,000; the Maritime Provinces, 20,000; Manitoba and Saskatchewan, 37,500; Alberta, 21,200; and British Columbia and the Yukon, 19,700.

Out of the total of 77,000 men raised in Ontario, the first military division (London) has raised approximately 15,000; the second division (Toronto), 42,000; and the third division (Kingston, 20,000.

"FREEDOM OF SEA"

Germans Give Illustration of Their Interpretation of Phrase—Wanton Attack on Danish Vessel

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Copenhagen states that the steamer Argo, proceeding from Copenhagen to Raumo, met two German torpedo boats sailing with lights out, within Swedish territorial waters. One of the torpedo boats ran into the Argo, whose captain, fearing that his vessel would sink, prepared to run ashore.

The Germans objected, and ordered the steamer to proceed seaward. As the captain hesitated to obey, owing to the serious danger of loss of life, the Germans fired several shots, but without hitting the Argo. The Argo arrived at Ahus today for repairs.

Mrs. Coward's Case

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—The order-in-Council commuting the death setence of Mrs. Coward, the British Columbia woman who murdered her husband at Fort James, to life imprisonment, it is understood, has been signed by His Royal Highness the Governor-General. This finally disposes of the matter. The Government received a large number of petitions, one containing 30,000 names, asking that executive clemency be exercised on behalf of Mrs. Coward. In these petitions it was pointed out that Mrs. Coward was a woman who had been transplanted from the slums of a great American city to the lonely wilds of British Columbia, and that this and the privations she had undergone had affected her mind.

Heavy Opium Seizure

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 20.—The shipment of opium intercepted here by customs officials last Saturday on the Japanese steamship Seiyo Maru in transit from Hongkong to Salina Cruz, Mexico, was found today to be the largest single seizure of the contraband drug ever made in the United States. Seventy cases, each containing 100 five-tael cans of opium and valued at approximately $450,000, were taken from the vessel

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Brushed Wool Sweater Sets, extra heavy make. Coat has shawl collar and pockets. Cap and scarf belt to match. In shades of saxe blue, Copenhagen, coral, Paddy, purple, rose and camel hair. Superior value $7.50

Brushed Wool Tam and Scarf, in saxe blue, rose and white, at, Set $2.75

Silk Sweater Sets. Coat has belted back and self-covered buttons; cap and scarf to match. In shades of rose, ivory, cerise, purple, saxe, gold and buttercup; also emerald with purple, pink with emerald, emerald with pink and saxe with tan. Splendid value at $12.50

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All Wool Khaki Socks—Heavy quality; suitable for military wear. Special at, pair 65c

Men's Natural Merino Shirts and Drawers—Penman's Brand; light weight; wool finish. Special, garment 50c

Silk Whistle Cord—In khaki, dark red and white. At yard 10c

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Infants' Dresses in muslin and in cotton; dainty styles, trimmed fine lace and embroidery. At 50c to $2.25

Bootees, all white, pink and blue and white. At, pair, 20c to 50c

Mitts, of pure wool, at pair, 25c to 50c

White Wool Gaiters, at pair 75c

White Wool Overalls, with and without feet. At, pair, $1.00 and $1.50

Bibs, each, 10c to 50c

Silk Bibs, each, $1.00 to $1.50

White Teddy Bear Coats, $2.50 to $5.75

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Boys' Black Wool Hose—Sizes 6 to 10. At pair, 35c, 50c and 60c

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